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Nitish can return to NDA anytime, says Athawale

Bihar Chief Minister Nitish Kumar could return to National Democratic Alliance (NDA) anytime, said Ramdas Athawale, Union Minister of State for Social Justice and Empowerment. Athawale also urged Nitish not to attend the third round of meeting of Opposition leaders scheduled to be held in August in Maharashtra. He said that Nitish's absence was always felt within the NDA.

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12.6 lakh	Twofold Increase in the Number of Farmers	24.98 lakh
14.16 lakh	Kisan Credit Cards	21.23 lakh
47.43 lakh	Domestic Electricity Consumers	60.24 lakh
57.75 lakh	Increase in Ration Card Holders	72.71 lakh
2.09 crore	Beneficiaries of Universal Public Distribution system	2.55 crore
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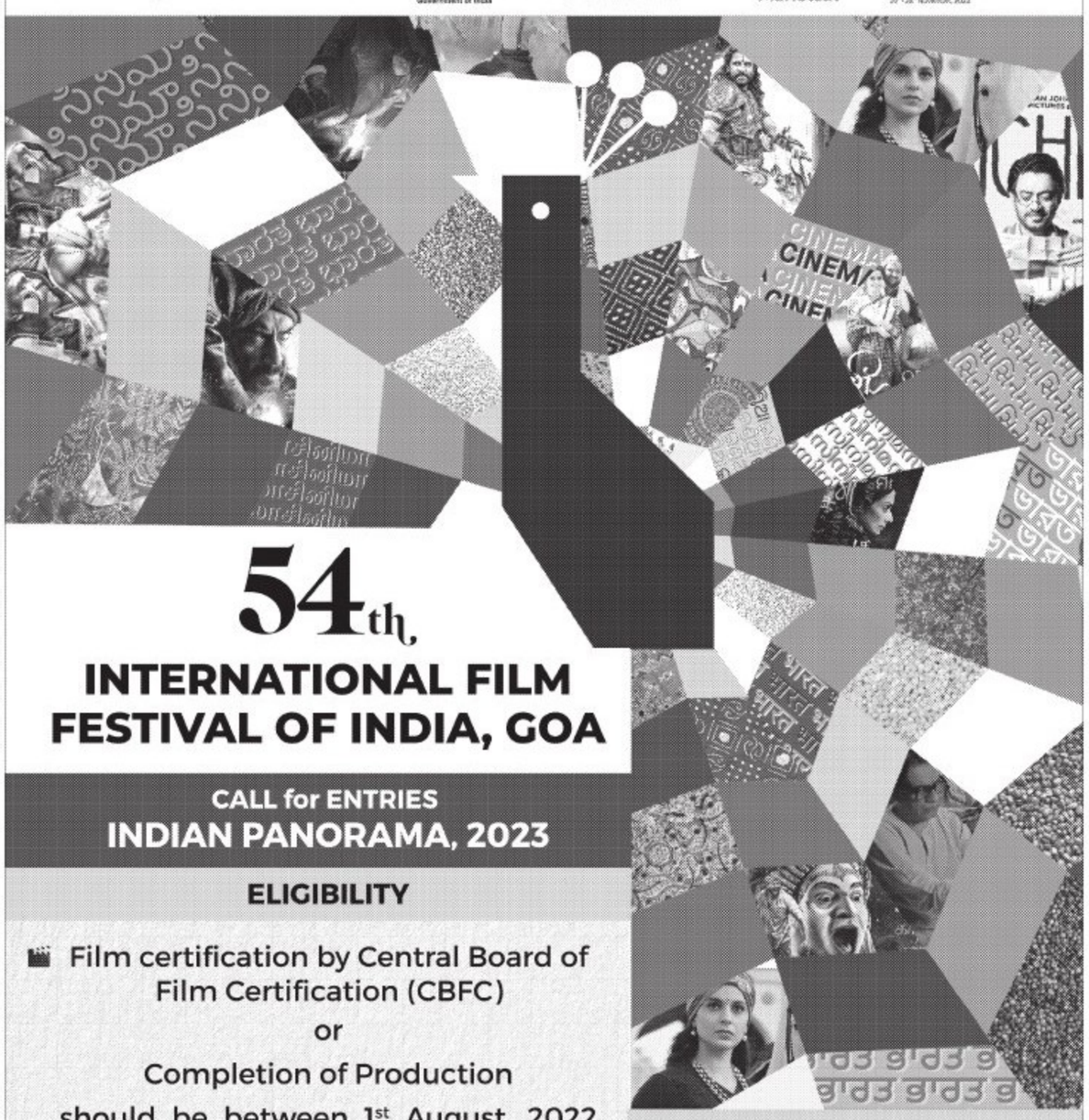

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e-Tender Corrigendum Notice-2

In reference to invited e-NIT No :01/UJVNL/ EE(I&P-II)/ 2023-24 for "Preparation of Feasibility Report of Hydro Electric Projects Proposed to be constructed in Yamuna River Basin, Uttarakhand". Corrigendum of bid is uploaded on the e-procurement portal.
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Time Extension Notice – I

Due to unavoidable circumstances, the invited "e"-Tender Notice No: 4e/EE(G)/CPH/2023-24 for " SITC of 220 KV XLPE Armoured Power Cable with all accessories including dismantling of the existing 220 KV Oil Filled Cable at 4X60 MW Chibro Power House "by the office of Executive Engineer (G) Chibro Power House is hereby extended as follows: -
Last date of submission of bid in the portal: 07-08-2023 up to 17:00
Last date of submission of hard copy: 08-08-2023 from 15:00 Hrs.
Date of opening of the bid Part- I on website: 11-08-2023 from 11:00
All other condition shall be same as previous. Further details can be seen from the e-procurement portal "http://uktenders.gov.in"

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APPENDIX IV [RULE 8(1)]
POSSESSION NOTICE (For Immovable property)

Whereas the Authorised Officer of Allahabad Bank underThe Securitisation and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 (SARFAESI Act) and in exercise of the powers conferred under section 13(12) read with rule 3 of Security Interest (Enforcement) Rule, 2002 issued **Demand Notice dated 13/04/2011calling upon the Borrower/Co-borrower/Guarantors – M/s. Concord Chemicals, Late C. Jaychandra(rep by his legal heirs namely J.Jansy , J. Stella , J.Richard and C J Sebastian), Mohammed P Husaini, Kannan Y Desai and Anil Overseas Private Limitedto repay the amount mentioned in the notice being Rs.9,23,10,425/- (Rupees Nine CroresTwenty Three Lakhs Ten Thousand Four Hundred and Twenty Five Only)due as on 31/03/2011** with further interest at contractual rate and cost, charges and expenses within 60 days from the date of receipt of the said notice.
Dues of the said borrower along with underlying security interest was assigned in favour of Pegasus Assets Reconstruction Private Limitedacting in its capacity as Trustee of the **Pegasus Group Three Trust III (Pegasus) by Allahabad Bank** vide Assignment Agreement dated 27/09/2013under the provisions of SARFAESI Act. Under Section5 of SARFAESI ACT 2002. PARPL has stepped into the shoes of the Allahabad Bank and all the rights, title and interest of Allahabad Bank with respect to the financial assets along with underlying security interests, guarantees, pleadges have vested with PARPL in respect of the Financial Assistance Availed by the Borrowers and PARPL exercises all its rights as the **SECURED CREDITOR.**
Purusant having failed to repay the amount, notice is hereby given to the Borrowers and the public in general that the that the Advocate Commissioner as per the direction of the Learned II ACMM, Bangalore has taken physical possession of the property described herein below and handed over to the Authorised Officer in exercise of powers conferred on him under sub-section (4) of section 13 of Act read with rule 8 of the Security Interest Enforcement Rule, 2002 **on 24/07/2023** .
The Borrower's attention is invited to provisions of sub-section (8) of section 13 of the Act, in respect of time available, to redeem the secured assets. The Borrowers/Co-borrowers/ Guarantors/ Mortgagers and the public in general is hereby cautioned not to deal with the property and any dealings with the property will be subject to the charge of the **Pegasus for an amount of Rs.9,23,10,425/- (Rupees Nine Crores Twenty Three Lakhs Ten Thousand Four Hundred and Twenty Five Only) on 31/03/2011** alongwith further interest at contractual rate and cost, charges and expenses thereon.

DESCRIPTION OF IMMOVABLE PROPERTY

Details of Secured Asset : All the piece and parcel of property bearing no. 76/4, 30thCross, 4th T Block, Tilak Nagar, Jayanagar, Bangalore, admeasuring 15520 Square Feet owned and mortgaged by C Jaychandra, and **bounded on the East By :** Muneswara Temple Presently Masjid, **West By :** C Nagaraja's Property, **North By :** Private Property, **South By :** Road.

AUTHORISED OFFICER
Pegasus Assets Reconstruction Private Limited
(Trustee of Pegasus Group Three Trust III)

Place: Bangalore
Date: 24.07.2023

Govt. of Karnataka
Department of Fisheries
Bangalore Urban Zilla Panchayat
Office of the Deputy Director of Fisheries, Bangalore Urban District
Cubbon Park, K.R.Circle, Bangalore-560 001,
Ph. No. 080-22350078 E-mail: urbanadf@gmail.com

Ltr No:MKT/KFDC/01/2022-23 Date: 28/07/2023

Notification
Applications are invited for the Allotment of Three Wheeler Electric, Fish Sales Vehicle (MatsyaVahini)

With a vision for **"Self-Employment for Self-Reliance,"** under the Centrally sponsored **"MatsyaVahini Scheme"** the Department of Fisheries, Government of Karnataka vide Government **Order No. AHF/E-58/MEE/2023 dated 13-07-2023** has handed over/ transfered, 150- three-wheeler electric vehicles, equipped for the sale of fresh fish and fish products to the Karnataka Fisheries Development Corporation (KFDC), Mangalore.
Applications are invited from interested franchises/ organizations/ associations/ individuals for the sale of fish and fish products using the above mentioned three-wheeler electric vehicles, equipped for the sale of fresh fish and fish products within the limits of Bangalore City on agency/ license basis.

Important terms and Conditions for obtaining MatsyaVahini Three Wheelers

1) The following priority will be considered while selecting qualified franchise/agency/ licensee.
   a.The franchisees of the KFDC, Mangalore, who are willing to expand their fish marketing network under this scheme.
   b.Trainees under various skill development schemes of the Government
   c.Fishermen's Producer Organizations (FFPOs) approved by the Department of Fisheries
   d.Fisheries Co-operative Societies /Federations engaged in fish marketing activities.
   e.Women's Self-Help Groups
   f. Unemployed youth who are interested in taking up self-employment.
2) A maximum of 5 vehicles, only, will be allotted to associations and one vehicle to individual beneficiaries.
3) If the applications received are more than the target allocated in the respective categories, the selection will be done through a lottery.
4) The District Level Selection Committee reserves the right for the selection of franchise/agency/ licensee, among the applications received, as per the Government guidelines.
5) The selected franchise/agency/licensee of general category will have to pay Rs.2,00,000/- and SC/ST/Women will have to pay Rs. 1,50,000/- as security deposit.
6) The franchise/agency/licensee will have to pay, KFDC, a sum of Rs.3,000/ month, as agency fee.
7) The selected franchise/agency/licensee will have to enter into an agreement with KFDC regarding the terms and conditions of the scheme.

The Application should be submitted to the following **Address: Office of the Deputy Director of Fisheries,** Bangalore Urban District Cubbon Park, K.R. Circle, Bangalore-560 001,
Last date and time for the submission of application: 14-08-2023, 5:00 PM, For more details contact: Phone number: **080-22350078/ 0824-2421281/82/83** Fisheries Helpline: **8277200300 WEBSITE: https://fisheries.karnataka.gov.in**

Sd/-
Deputy Director of Fisheries
Bangalore Urban District

DIPR/CP/715/SHIRDISAI/2023-24

CITY UNION BANK LIMITED

Credit Recovery and Management Department
Administrative Office: No.24-B, Gandhi Nagar, Kumbakonam - 612001. **E-Mail ID:** crmd@cityunionbank.in,
Phone: 0435-2432322, **Fax:** 0435-2431746

RE-TENDER-CUM-AUCTION SALE NOTICE UNDER SARFAESI ACT 2002

The following property/ies mortgaged to **City Union Bank Limited** will be sold in Re-Tender-cum-Public Auction by the Authorised Officer of the Bank, under Rule 8 (6) & 9 of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002, under the SARFAESI Act, 2002, for recovery of a sum of **Rs.1,55,79,499/- (Rupees One Crore Fifty Five Lakh Seventy Nine Thousand Four Hundred and Ninety Nine only)** as on **08-05-2023** together with further interest to be charged from **09-05-2023** onwards and other expenses, any other dues to the Bank by the borrowers / guarantors **No.1) Mr. Jayesh M Patel, S/o. Manubhai Maganbhai Patel, No.11, Matrukrupa, Crescent Cross Road, Srikantaiah Layout, High Grounds, Bangalore North, Karnataka -560001. No.2) Mrs. Sheetal Jayesh Patel, W/o. Jayesh M Patel, No.11, Matrukrupa, Crescent Cross Road, Srikantaiah Layout, High Grounds, Bangalore North, Karnataka -560001. No.3) M/s. JKN Steels and Alloys, No.13/A, 13/B, Marappapalya, Opp. Ullas Talkies Road, Yeshwanthpur, Bangalore Urban, Karnataka - 560022.**

Immovable Property Mortgaged to our Bank
(Property Owned by Mr. Jayesh M Patel, S/o. Manubhai Maganbhai Patel)

All that piece and parcel of the Residential Property being Site bearing No.191, Katha No. 561/191 (as per Grama Panchyath Record), RDPR Property, E-Katha No. 150200200900400587. Measuring : East to West 60 Feet and North to South 50 feet in all measuring 3,000 sq. feet carved out of Survey No.13/P5 and 126 of Tharabanahalli Village , and lands in Sy. Nos.32, 33, 34, 35, 36, 37, 38, 38/½, 39, 40 and 41 and 13 of Navarathna Patel, Agrahara Village, Jala Hobli, Bangalore North taluk, in the layout known as Rashi Orchards and bounded on : East by : Road, West by : Site bearing No.196; North by : Site bearing No.190, South by : Site bearing No.192.

Reserve Price : Rs.1,10,00,000/-
(Rupees One Crore Ten Lakh only)

RE-AUCTION DETAILS

Date of Re-Tender-cum-Auction Sale	Venue
17-08-2023	City Union Bank Limited,Bengaluru-Malleswaram Branch, No. 58/1, 13th Cross, Margosa Road, Malleswaram, Bengaluru Rural - 560003. Telephone No.080-23463636, Cell No. 9342519841.

Terms and Conditions of Re-Tender-cum-Auction Sale :

(1) The intending bidders should be present in person for the auction and participate personally and give a declaration in writing to the effect that he/she is bidding for himself / herself. (2) The intending bidders may obtain the Tender Forms from **The Manager, City Union Bank Limited, Bengaluru- Malleswaram Branch, No. 58/1, 13th Cross, Margosa Road, Malleswaram, Bengaluru Rural - 560003. (3)** The intending bidders should submit their bids only in the Tender Form prescribed in sealed envelopes addressed to **The Authorised Officer, City Union Bank Ltd.,** together with a Pay Order / Demand Draft for an EMD of **10%** of the Reserve Price, drawn in favour of **"City Union Bank Ltd.", on or before 12.00 Noon** on the date of Tender-cum-Auction Sale hereby notified. **(4)** For inspection of the property and other particulars, the intending purchaser may contact **Telephone No.080-23463636, Cell No. 9342519841. (5)** The property/ies are sold on "As-is-where-is", "As-is-what-is" and "whatever- there is" basis. **(6)** The sealed tenders will be opened in the presence of the intending bidders at **01.00 p.m.** on the date of Tender-cum-Auction Sale hereby notified. Though in general the sale will be by way of closed tenders, the Authorised Officer may, at his sole discretion, conduct an Open Auction among the interested bidders who desire to quote a bid higher than the one received in the closed tender process, and in such an event, the sale shall be conferred on the person making highest bid. The sale, however, is subject to confirmation of City Union Bank Limited. **(7)** The successful bidder shall have to pay **25% (inclusive of EMD paid)** of the sale amount **immediately** on completion of sale and the balance amount of **75%** within **15 days** from the date of confirmation of sale, failing which the initial deposit of **25%** shall be forfeited. **(8)** The Sale Certificate will be issued by the Authorised Officer in favour of the successful purchaser only after receipt of the entire sale consideration within the time limit stipulated herein. **(9)** The successful purchaser shall bear the charges/fees payable for conveyance, such as stamp duty, registration fee etc., as applicable under law. **(10)** The successful bidder should pay the statutory dues (lawful house tax, electricity charges and other dues), TDS, GST if any, due to Government, Government Undertaking and local bodies. **(11)** The Authorised Officer shall have all the powers to accept or reject the bids or postpone or cancel the sale without assigning any reason whatsoever.

Place : Kumbakonam, Date : 28-07-2023 **Authorised Officer**

Regd. Office: 149, T.S.R. (Big) Street, Kumbakonam, Thanjavur District, Tamil Nadu - 612001, **CIN -** L65110TN1904PLC001287,
Telephone No.0435-2402322, **Fax:** 0435-2431746, **Website:** www.cityunionbank.com

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Mayohall Branch (Bangalore Central)
Ground Floor, Public Utility Building, M G Road, Bangalore - 560 001
Tel: 080-25594873/25589500,
E-mail: VJMAYO@bankofbaroda.co.in

POSSESSION NOTICE

(FOR IMMOVABLE PROPERTY) APPENDIX IV under Act- Rule 8(1)

Whereas, the Authorized Officer of Bank of Baroda, Mayohall Branch, Bangalore under the securitization and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Security Interest Act 2002 and in exercise of the powers conferred under Sec 13(2) read with Rule-3 of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules 2002 issued Demand Notice dated 27.04.2023 calling upon the **1)M/s Absolute Built Concept Private Limited, Corp off:** Flat No. 23 & 24, Sunrise Layout, Yelachanahalli, Bangalore – 560062. **Business Place at:** No.1417, 12thMain Road,23rd B Cross, 3rd Block, East Jayanagar, Bangalore-560011. **2) Mr. Manikonda Srinivas Kumar** s/o V Krishna Rao, Director: M/s Absolute Built Concept Private Limited, **Corp off:** Flat No. 23 & 24,Sunrise Layout, Yelachanahalli, Bangalore – 560062. **Business Place at:** No.1417, 12th Main Road,23rd B Cross,3rd Block, East Jayanagar, Bangalore-560011. **3) Mrs. Manikonda Varalaxmi** w/o Mr.Manikonda Srinivas Kumar, Director: M/s Absolute Built Concept Private Limited, **Corp off:** Flat No. 23 & 24,Sunrise Layout, Yelachanahalli,Bangalore – 560062. **Business Place at:** No.1417, 12th Main Road,23rd B Cross,3rdBlock, East Jayanagar, Bangalore-560011. **4) Mr. DadiVenkata Krishna Vara Prasad** s/o Mr.DadiJagpati, Director: M/s Absolute Built Concept Private Limited, **Corp off:** Flat No. 23 & 24, Sunrise Layout, Yelachanahalli, Bangalore – 560062. **Business Place at:** No.1417, 12thMain Road,23rd B Cross,3rdBlock, East Jayanagar, Bangalore-560011. **5) Mr. Manikonda Srinivas Kumar** s/o V Krishna Rao,Flat No. 23 & 24,Sunrise Layout, Yelachanahalli, Bangalore – 560062, **(Guarantor)** to M/s Absolute Built Concept Private Limited, Corp off: Flat No. 23 & 24,Sunrise Layout, Yelachanahalli,Bangalore – 560062. **6) Mrs. Manikonda Varalaxmi** w/o Mr.Manikonda Srinivas Kumar, Flat No. 23 & 24,Sunrise Layout, Yelachanahalli, Bangalore – 560062. **(Guarantor)** to M/s Absolute Built Concept Private Limited, Corp off: Flat No. 23 & 24,Sunrise Layout, Yelachanahalli,Bangalore – 560062. **7) Mr. Dadi Venkata Krishna Vara Prasad** s/o DadiJagpathi,6-3-347/13/102, Dwarakapuri Colony, Panjagutta, Erramanzil, Hyderabad, Telengana-500082. **(Guarantor) to M/s Absolute Built Concept Private Limited, Corp off: Flat No.** 23 & 24, Sunrise Layout, Yelachanahalli,Bangalore-560062 to repay the amount mentioned in the notice being under of **Rs.5,88,43,369.68/-** (Rupees Five Crores Eighty Eight lakhs Forty Three Thousand Three Hundred Sixty Nine and Paise Sixty Eight Only) within 60 days from the date of receipt of the said notice.
The Borrower/Guarantor/Mortgagor of the property having failed to repay the amount, notice is hereby given to the borrower/Guarantor/ Owner of the property in particular and the public in general that the undersigned has taken possession of the property described herein below in exercise of powers conferred on him/her under Section (4) of Section 13 of the Act read with rule 8 & 9 of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002 on this the **27thday of July of the year 2023.**
The borrower/Guarantor/Mortgagor in particular and the public in general is hereby cautioned not to deal with the property and any dealings with the property will be subject to the charge of the Bank of Baroda for an amount of **Rs.5,88,43,369.68/-** (Rupees Five Crores Eighty Eight lakhs Forty Three Thousand Three Hundred Sixty Nine and Paise Sixty Eight Only) plus interest thereon along with cost.

DESCRIPTION OF THE MOVABLE/IMMOVABLE PROPERTIES

Item No 1: Hypothecation of stock with 25% margin.
Item No 2:Hypothecation of book debts not older than 90 days with 40% margin.
Item No 3:Hypothecation of vehicles purchased out of Bank loan
Item No 4: Bearing no. 22, former CMC Khata no. 323/290/45,BBMP Khata no. 344,BBMP Old Municipal Khata no.5/33/306/B/22/53/1/5, BBMP New Clubbed Municipal Khata no. 586/19/22/23/24/53/1/54/568/525,BBMP Old PID no. 185-W0314-1 formed out of converted land bearing Sy.no. 53/1 of Yelachenahalli Village,Uttarahalli Hobli, Bangalore South Taluk, measuring East to West 37 feet and North to South 43 feet Bounded on: East by: Site No. 23, West by: Private Property, North by: 30 feet Road, South by: Site No.21
Item No 5: Bearing no. 23, former CMC Khata no. 323/290/45,BBMP Khata no. 345/1/290/45/23,BBMP Old Municipal Khata no.345/1/290/45/23,BBMP New Clubbed Municipal Khata no. 586/19/22/23/24/53/1/54/568/525,BBMP Old PID no. 185-W0314-3 formed out of converted land bearing Sy.no. 53/1 of Yelachenahalli Village,UttarahalliHobli, Bangalore South Taluk measuring East to West 43 feet and North to South 53 feet Bounded on East by: Site No. 24, West by: Site no. 22,North by: 30 feet Road, South by: Site No.20
Item No 6: Bearing no. 24, former CMC Khata no. 323/290/45,BBMP Old Municipal Khata no.586/23, 24/53/1/54,BBMP New Clubbed Municipal Khata no. 586/19/22/23/24/53/1/54/568/525, formed out of converted land bearing Sy.no. 53/1 of Yelachenahalli Village, Uttarahalli Hobli, Bangalore South Taluk measuring East to West 37 feet and North to South 43 feet, Property bounded by East by: Site No. 25, West by: Site No.23, North by: Road, South by: Site No.19
All that above properties belonging to Smt. Manikonda Varalakshmi
Item No 7: Bearing No 35, formed in Sy. No 53/1, duly converted by the Special Deputy Commissioner Bangalore District under vide Conversion No B.DIS.ALN.SR (S) 175/1988-89 dated 01.06.1991 at Pattanagere City Municipal Khatha No 323/290/45 having present BBMP Khatha No 640/345/53/1/622/575,Situated at Yelechanahalli Village,UttarahalliHobli,Bangalore South Taluk,in the layout known as Sun Rise Layout, measuring East to West 30 feet and North to South 40 feet bounded on; East by: Site No 34, West by: Site No 36, North by: Site No 40, South by: Road
Belonging to Smt. Manikonda Varalakshmi
Item No 8: Cash margin for Bank Guarantee in form of FDR No 7389030000094,73890300001461

Place: Bengaluru
Date: 27.07.2023

Sd/- Authorised Officer
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INDIAN-AMERICAN HIRSH VARDHAN SINGH ENTERS REPUBLICAN PREZ RACE

He becomes the third person of Indian descent after Nikki Haley and Vivek Ramaswamy to join the crowded Republican field of candidates

AN AMERICA FIRST CONSERVATIVE

In a video message announcing his presidential run, Singh, 38, called himself a lifelong Republican and 'America First' conservative. He said he's the "only pureblood candidate" as he never took Covid vaccinations. An aerospace engineer by profession, Singh made his first political foray in 2017, contesting in the New Jersey gubernatorial election. He finished third, winning just 9% votes

OPPONENTS CALL HIM TRUMP ON STEROIDS

- His subsequent campaigns to US House and Senate too ended in failures
- He criticised US tech giants over privacy infringements and alleged attempts to establish a monopoly over emerging areas like AI
- Hirsh has expressed his admiration for Donald Trump but said America needs more. A senior Democrat recently called him "Trump on steroids"

July 18, 2024
WHEN REPUBLICANS WILL FINALISE THEIR PRESIDENTIAL CANDIDATE

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LoC-like situation in Manipur: Oppn

Gogoi expresses concern over ethnic divide; Adhir finds relief camp inmates too scared to talk

PRASANTA MAZUMDAR & PRONAB MONDAL @Guwahati/Kolkata

CONGRESS Lok Sabha member Gaurav Gogoi on Saturday likened the present situation in Manipur to that across the Line of Control with Pakistan even as he expressed deep concern over the division of the state on ethnic lines.

"There is an LoC-like situation in Manipur. Both communities (Meiteis and Kukis) have weapons with them. Weapons were also given to children. When the youth should be busy in college education, they are carrying AK-47 rifles to protect their families," Gogoi told journalists.

He was part of the 21 MPs of the Opposition alliance, INDIA, which arrived in the state earlier in the day. They divided themselves into two groups and visited Meitei-majority Bishnupur district in Imphal valley and Kuki-majority Churachandpur.

"Law and order has completely collapsed in Manipur but for some unseen reasons, Prime Minister Narendra Modi does not see any tension. He can see only power in Manipur," alleged Gogoi, who visited Bishnupur: "Manipur is no longer one. There are two Manipurs now," the Assam MP further said.

Senior Congress leader Adhir Ranjan Chowdhury, who led a team of MPs to Churachandpur, visited a relief camp there. "They (inmates) are utterly scared and do not want to talk. They know this government is not going to help them," he said after the visit.

In his pushback, Union minister Anurag Thakur alleged that more incidents of violence have taken place in Bengal than in Manipur and questioned why the Opposition delegation visiting the strife-torn Manipur was silent on the violence in Bengal. Thakur, who was in Kolkata, dismissed their Manipur visit as a drama. "More than 57 persons were murdered in the rural poll violence. Bengal witnessed atrocities against women. More violence happened in Bengal than in Manipur," Thakur said.

BIG IMPHAL PROTEST AGAINST NARCO-TERROR

On the streets of Imphal, a counter narrative played out on saturday with tens of thousands of people joining a rally against what they called was "Chin-Kuki narco-terrorists". Drugs have been at the centre of the violent ethnic conflict between Meiteis and Kukis | **P10**

DMK MP Kanimozhi interacting with an inmate of a relief camp in Manipur | PTI

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India's tiger count up by 24% but growth uneven

JITENDRA CHOUBEY @ New Delhi

FIRST, the good news. India's tiger population has gone up by 24% since 2018 to at least 3,167. The average population is estimated at 3,682. In fact, the country has about 75% of the world's tiger head count, which is a testimony to the robust national conservation efforts.

According to an analysis by the Wildlife Institute of India, based on both camera-trapped and non-camera-trapped tiger presence areas — the upper and lower limits of the tiger population is estimated at 3,925 and 3,167, with the average count at 3,682, reflecting an annual growth rate of 6.1%. In the 2018 census, the average tiger population was 2,967.

Now, the worrying trend. The Status of Tiger 2022 report released by the National Tiger Conservation Authority on Saturday captures the uneven growth of its population. For example, tigers remained extinct in Mizoram and Nagaland and are on the verge of extinction in Jharkhand. Their population in Mizoram and Nagaland stayed at zero, while in Jharkhand, it declined from five in 2018 to one. Chhattisgarh (19 to 17), Odisha (28 to 20), Arunachal Pradesh (29 to 9) and Telangana (26 to 21), too, witnessed a population dip.

35% TIGER RESERVES REQUIRE ENHANCED PROTECTION

The report said mining activities in protected zones negatively impacted the tiger habitat. Extensive mining is happening in Jharkhand, Odisha and Chhattisgarh. Besides, about 35% of tiger reserves urgently require enhanced protection, habitat restoration, animal augmentation and subsequent tiger reintroduction.

K'taka distant No 2 with 563 tigers

BOSKY KHANNA @ Bengaluru

The number of tigers in Karnataka has increased to 563, which is 39 more than the 2018 census. But the state continues to remain in the second position in the all-India tiger estimation 2022 report released on the occasion of International Tiger Day on Saturday. With 785 tigers, Madhya Pradesh retains its No 1 position. The gap between the two states, which was only two in 2018, has increased to 222 with MP recording a robust figure. Uttarakhand ranks third with 560 tigers. Forest Minister Eshwar B Khandre said, "It is heartening to note that the number of tigers in Karnataka has increased from 524 in 2018 to 563 in the 2022 census, making the state second highest tiger reserve in the country." **P7**

Will discuss faults on e-way with Gadkari soon, says CM

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @ Mysuru

In view of the increasing number of accidents on Bengaluru-Mysuru Expressway, Chief Minister Siddaramaiah on Saturday inspected the expressway and reviewed the safety measures taken by National Highways Authority of India (NHAI) and Police Department.

He said the state government has sent a proposal to the Centre seeking Rs 156 crore to improve the service roads at Ramanagara, Channapatna, Maddur and Srirangapatna. The proposal is expected to get clearance by August or September.

A demonstration of the speed detector to check the speed of vehicles was held for Siddaramaiah. NHAI officials said the detector can capture the speed of vehicles and pass on information to officials at the next toll gate where the errant driver will be penalised.

Smart AI cameras installed along the expressway will display the speed of vehicles. Over spreading vehicles will be marked red. There will be a speed detector for every 10 km to reduce the number of accidents on the expressway henceforth.

Siddaramaiah said the expressway has some shortcomings as work on it had been completed in a hurry. He stressed the need to take steps to rectify the faults. NHAI has not completed work on service roads and has not fixed the loopholes at entry and exit points, he added. **P6**

CM Siddaramaiah being briefed about safety measures on expressway on Saturday

ACTOR DIES IN E-WAY ACCIDENT

Mysuru: A Kannada film actor died after an unidentified vehicle rammed his scooter on Mysuru-Bengaluru Expressway near Yeliyuru in Mandya taluk on Saturday. Police gave the name of the actor as Lokesh (28) of Chamarajanagar district. Lokesh was going to Mysuru when the vehicle hit his scooter around 5 am. He acted in Kannada film 'Family Pack', and Amulya Ratna', a Kannada documentary.

Ex-AMU V-C among new veeps of BJP

RAJESH KUMAR THAKUR @ New Delhi

THE BJP on Saturday rejigged its team of Central office-bearers ahead of the upcoming Assembly elections and the 2024 Lok Sabha elections, appointing Pasmanda Muslim and former Aligarh Muslim University (AMU) vice-chancellor Tariq Mansoor from UP as one of its 13 national vice presidents.

In another significant move, former Telangana unit chief Bandi Sanjay was appointed a national general secretary. Saroj Pandey (MP from Chhattisgarh) and Laxmikant Bajpai (MP from UP) are the other new vice presidents.

With the party focusing on a mega outreach to the tribal communities, it has elevated Lata Usendi, too, to the post of vice president. She is an influential tribal leader from Chhattisgarh.

Sanjay and Radha Mohan Agrawal (MP from UP) were appointed national general secretary while Surendra Singh Nagar (MP from UP), Kamakhya Prasad Tasa (MP from Assam) and Anil Antony (son of former defence minister A K Antony) were accommodated as national secretaries.

Surendra Singh Nagar is an influential Gujjar leader from western UP and Tasa has strong influence among the tea tribes of Assam. With the induction of Mansoor, the party now has two Muslim faces among V-Ps, with Abdulla Kutty from Kerala being the other one.

Eight national BJP office bearers were dropped. They include C T Ravi, Dilip Saikia, Radha Mohan Singh, Dilip Ghosh, Sunil Deodhar, Harish Dwivedi, Vinod Sonkar, and Bharti Siyal. Ravi's axing is being seen as the fallout of the BJP's humiliating defeat in the Karnataka elections. However, some party sources hinted that Ravi will contest the LS elections.

EXPRESS READ

Maha ATS nabs 2 suspected terrorists near Belagavi

Belagavi: The Anti-Terrorism Squad (ATS) team of Maharashtra arrested two suspected terrorists and launched an inquiry into a trial bomb blast in the forest area of Amboli village near the border area of Belagavi district. The police from the Kothrud area of Pune had arrested the suspected terrorists, assuming they were bike thieves. The ATS team is also said to have visited Nippani and Sankeshwar of Belagavi to collect information. **P7**

Abducted 5-yr-old girl found raped, murdered

Kochi: Police have found the body of a five-year-old girl, who was abducted from her rented house in Choornikkara, in a marshy area behind the Aluva fish market, near the Periyar, river on Saturday afternoon. Initial postmortem finding revealed that the girl had been sexually assaulted. **P7**

4 women drown after cab plunges into canal

Mysuru: Four women drowned when the cab they were travelling in plunged into Visvesvaraya canal after the driver lost control of the vehicle in Srirangapatna taluk around 8.30 pm on Saturday. The cab driver managed to swim to safety. Fire and emergency personnel recovered the bodies. **P7**

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Glimpses of waste pickers' daily life through the lens

Seventeen-year-old Praveen clicked this photo of kids playing with a stray dog

PURAN CHOUDHARY @ Bengaluru

PRAVEEN, son of a waste picker in Bengaluru, always wanted to learn photography. But he could not because of poverty. He wanted to highlight the waste pickers' struggles, challenges they face daily, their warmth in all hardships and their sense of belongingness when it comes to Bengaluru.

After five years, Prakash's dream of seeing his photographs displayed on a gallery wall will finally come true. Bal Raksha Bharat, partnering with Saamuhika Shakti, a non-profit organization, has launched an initiative, "Photovoice Project" Phase II. The project aims to empower children of waste pickers living in Kuntigrama, Deshiyanagara, Coolie Nagar, Sakambarinagara, Cement Colony, Vinobha Nagara and Pantarapalya in Bengaluru.

As part of the project, 20 children were given a platform to express their views through photography. A two-day workshop was held by documentary photographer Vinod Sabastian where the children were given cameras to capture the world as they see it. After the workshop, a two-day photowalk was held to help them capture glimpses of their daily life. **P4**

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THE JOY OF GIVING

Hubballi couple Kariyappa and Sunanda have been feeding around 50 hungry people every day; wife prepares the meals and husband distributes them

MALLIKARJUN HIREMATH
@Hubballi

THIS couple brings a ray of hope to the hungry and destitute sections of society. On an average, they feed around 50 such people in Hubballi city, who are more or less dependent on them for a proper meal every day.

Kariyappa and Sunanda Shirahatti have been silently going about their noble task for the past 15 years. Besides freshly cooked food, they carry a grooming kit to trim the hair and nails, and give a shave and wash to destitute people living on the streets.

Every day, Kariyappa sets out with hot food and does the rounds of Hubballi railway station, hospital gates and other areas where such people are often found. He gives them food packets containing chapati or rice, enough for one good meal in a day.

The Shirahattis, residents of Anand Nagar in Old Hubballi, now plan to enhance their service by collecting excess food from marriage and birthday parties and other events. They have also bought a vehicle for the purpose and will distribute the food to more hungry people in the city.

What prompted this couple to turn philanthropic? Kariyappa Shirahatti told TNIE that he comes from a well-to-do family, but since childhood, it had been his desire to do something for the poor. He is glad to have finally put that plan into practice.

"We started this service about 15 years ago, under the banner of an organisation named after my father, Sri Neelappa Guddappa Shirahatti Seva Samsthe," he said. Kariyappa's father Neelappa was a civic worker and had enough income for his family of three members. Kariayappa married Sunanda 15 years ago and they live with his mother Gouramma.

They run a grocery store, and everything they earn is used to feed the hungry. "My wife also contributes by taking up orders for condiments. Though she is physically challenged, she never tires of cooking for the cause," he added. He clarified that they never expect donations from others, and always have enough for themselves.

One of Kariyappa's close friends confirmed that they had several times tried to extend financial help, but Kariyappa refused and asked them to give it to those in need. "It is the responsibility of humans to help one another. Even if one person gives a packet of biscuits for the hungry, the act will ensure eradication of hunger in the nation," Kariyappa reportedly told him.

Joy and gratitude

The couple treats the homeless as their own, and never hesitates to help with food and other services. One of his beneficiaries expressed joy, saying that Kariyappa helps them with food every now and then. "We look fit and fine, but due to lack of education and internal health problems, we are unable to work. We have learnt many things from him. We look at people with more respect," he added.

Pakirappa, another beneficiary, said people would turn away from him as his hair was matted and he looked dirty. He had never thought he would get a shave, and is glad that Kariyappa made him look different. Whenever Kariyappa spots him, he stops to clean up his face and hair, unmindful of the job on hand. "We keep roaming the city as police and other people trouble us, we beg for our daily needs. It is only Kariyappa who stops whenever he sees us. We are very lucky to have a friend like him," he added.

"We beggars have no relations and no one has any interest in our welfare. A few people give us money, either to show their wealth or to get rid of beggars. But Kariyappa is different. He treats us like his own family members," said Ibrahim, one of his beneficiaries.

Kariyappa has now taken on a new role, that of educating people to stay away from banned plastic, and he himself does his best to provide food in paper packets. Paper or plastic, those who are lucky enough to get their daily meal send up a prayer of gratitude.

1. Every day, Kariyappa and Sunanda Shirahatti make rounds of Hubballi city distributing food to the needy **2.** Destitutes are also groomed **3.** Food being prepared at home **4.** Kariyappa doesn't shy away from himself feeding the destitute | D HEMANTH

'Mission Vidyapura', the brainchild of Vijayapura Zilla Panchayat CEO Rahul Shinde, offers online tuition to students of government-run hostels to help them excel in academics

I thought of using the available technology and resources to ensure online tuition for the students. A decision was also taken to give an honorarium to teachers who volunteer

Rahul Shinde, ZP CEO

A teacher conducts a tuition class

VISION TUITION

FIROZ ROZINDAR @ Vijayapura

THE Covid pandemic brought the world to a grinding halt in early 2020. It changed how we interacted with fellow beings, how we breathed the air and taught us how we should value even the simplest things in life. One of the worst affected was the student community, whose way of learning had a significant change. From having fun at school, discussing their daily lessons and learning with a physical teacher, it was all confined within the four walls of their homes through and classes streaming in through a laptop or a smartphone. But online learning did contribute by not depriving millions of education.

In a unique initiative in Vijayapura, the zilla panchayat offers online tuition classes to students of government pre-matric hostels. These classes are apart from their regular school to help them face examinations with confidence.

The programme, 'Mission Vidyapura', was started last academic year by the ZP on a pilot basis. The man behind this novel initiative is Zilla Panchayat Chief Executive Officer Rahul Shinde, who implemented it with an objective to equip students with better information on their subjects. Shinde told *The New Sunday Express*, "Mission Vidyapura follows a centralised online system and is being taught from the ZP's panchayat resource centre which was converted into a centralised smart class."

He said, "We realised that the students of pre-matric government hostels had no access to tuition centres to improve their academic performance. I thought of using the available technology and resources to ensure online tuition for the students. A decision was also taken to give an honorarium to teachers who volunteer for the programme."

Sixteen hostels were selected for the programme and different departments, including social welfare, minorities, backward classes and education department, were asked to use their available funds to purchase basic equipment to conduct the online classes. "We later selected expert government teachers and called them for a meeting. We requested them to volunteer as they had to work beyond their regular hours," he added.

Rukmini Nimangri, a Class 10 student, is all praise for the mission. She believes that the tuition will help her prepare better for the SSLC exams this year.

The classes are conducted every day between 6 pm and 8 pm. "When we found that the initiative was getting a good response, we extended it to all the 100 hostels that have a combined strength of 5,000 students," Shinde said. The state government is planning to replicate it across the state now.

Besides teaching regular subjects, the students are also educated on different aspects, such as the Army recruitment process by the teachers of Sainik School Bijapur. An NGO, Agastya Foundation, has joined hands with the ZP to teach basic experiments to the students.

"Online classes have also helped us keep a vigil on the attendance of wardens and take regular feedback from the students on facilities given to them," Shinde said and claimed that after the start of online classes last year, he did not receive a single complaint from any hostel on facilities.

Channabasappa Ingaleshwar, a Class 10 student, said "Sometimes, we don't understand lessons properly in school, or we miss school for some reason. The online tuition helps us cover this gap. Since we also have an interactive session, we get our doubts cleared."

Ashwini Kulkarni, a science teacher who has volunteered, said it was a new and good experience for her. A teacher of Dr APJ Abdul Kalam Residential School at Arakeri, she said she chose to volunteer as she wanted to help hostel students. Kulkarni said that she also learnt how to use technology.

Students learn a thing or two in a smart class

COURTS FOR THE PEOPLE

Poverty should not be a barrier to justice: AP Guv

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
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ANDHRA Pradesh Governor and former Supreme Court judge Justice Abdul Nazeer on Saturday said the poor and illiterate should be able to access courts and should not be impeded of justice by their poverty or ignorance.

He was speaking during the silver jubilee celebrations of MS Ramaiah College of Law. He said 3.71 lakh Indians are currently in jails awaiting trial, which is 76 per cent of the total prisoners in the country. This is compared to the global average of 34 per cent.

Abdul Nazeer

"According to a report of the National Crime Records Bureau, a majority of India's under-trials are from marginalised sections of society due to the high costs of litigation. Custodial populations not only reflect the social inequalities and discrimination, but also socio-economic conditions. Although interventions and reforms have been introduced by the legislature and judiciary, the extent and duration of under-trial incarcerations are still on the rise," he said.

Nazeer said lawyers should make an effort to advocate for poor people and people from marginalised backgrounds and efforts need to be made to spread awareness among the population as courts are still seen through the eyes of fear and mistrust.

Supreme Court judge Justice B V Nagarathna said it should be ensured that under-trials must also receive quality aid. "Legal services authorities across the country must realise the reason as to why many people do not avail legal aid services. This is because people are not aware of their legal and constitutional rights and they do not have confidence in the quality of legal aid that they are offered," she said.

'Singapore dream' now a reality in Bengaluru, says Krishna

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
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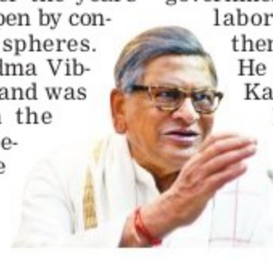
FORMER chief minister of Karnataka SM Krishna noted that earlier whenever he used to say that Bengaluru will overtake Singapore, nobody used to believe him. "But today, the city has surpassed the economic capabilities of Singapore by a huge margin," he said at the 66th annual awards ceremony of Bangalore Management Association (BMA) in the city on Saturday.

Krishna, who was also governor of Maharashtra, said almost 45% of revenue for Karnataka comes from Bengaluru. "For sometime the city was sidelined and not much development happened, but with the new government and (Deputy CM) D K Shivakumar as Bengaluru Development Minister, I am positive that the silicon valley of India will flourish and ideas of growth will be refocused." He recalled policies and experiences about infrastructure polices from his tenure and how Bengaluru has progressed.

Adding that at the end of the decade, India will be the third largest economy, and several governments over the years have made it happen by contributing in all spheres. Krishna is a Padma Vibhushan awardee and was felicitated with the Lifetime Achievement Award by the association.



K Ullas Kamath, chairman, Federation of Indian Chambers of Commerce & Industry (FICCI), Karnataka Council, said Karnataka is the only state in the country which has industry, government and academia collaboration and "all of them work in tandem." He added, "Currently, Karnataka is the third highest contributor to the nation's GDP at 8.4% after Maharashtra and Tamil Nadu. In a few years, we should be able to overtake Tamil Nadu by contributing 10% to India's GDP."

Encouraging entrepreneurship and pushing for family businesses to find space in mainstream economic development, he said, "We need to create about 21 lakh jobs every year to meet the demand."

For their contributions in different sectors, 18 exceptional individuals from the state were presented with excellence awards by the association at Chancery Pavilion.

Children of waste pickers take the camera to document the daily lives of their community at a slum in Bengaluru | EXPRESS

'We find happiness in discarded things'

CONTINUED FROM PAGE 3

SWATHI, a participant, said, "In one of my photos, I captured the smile of a mother watching her child play with a 'discarded child walker' found while collecting waste. Our community members often find happiness in things discarded by the rich."

NM Chandrasekara, senior programme manager, Karnataka & Tamil Nadu, Bal Raksha Bharat, said, "Children of waste pickers endure the harsh realities of extreme poverty, challenging living conditions, and lack of avenues for self-expression. However, amidst these difficult circumstances, photography emerges as a ray of hope, offering them an opportunity to access their rights to play, culture, and the arts."

He said through photography, the children were encouraged to capture the essence of their lives and experiences.

The organization said the visual medium becomes a tool for empowerment, allowing children to express themselves and share their unique ideas and views. It gives them a voice which usually goes unheard.

The pictures clicked by these children will be showcased in art galleries. Karnataka Chitrakala Parishath and Namma Metro have partnered with Bal Raksha Bharat to provide space for the exhibition to be held in September and October 2023.

Amidst difficult circumstances, photography emerges as a ray of hope, offering them (children of waste pickers) an opportunity to access their rights to play, culture, and the arts

NM Chandrasekara, senior programme manager, Bal Raksha Bharat

A contract labourer died, while three others were injured, when a beam of a building which was being razed collapsed on the premises of Adani-Udupi Power Corporation Limited, at Yellur near Padubidri on July 28. The deceased, Mularam Singh (21), was from Rajasthan

3 robbers kick techie riding bike

Victim runs away as accused try to take valuables from him by flashing knife

PRAVEEN KUMAR
@Bengaluru

A 26-year-old computer professional had a miraculous escape after a gang of three armed robbers kicked his motorbike while he was riding on Banaswadi Main Road.

He fell down from the bike and sustained minor injuries. The accused then threatened him at knife point to hand over the cash.

The victim had the presence of mind to run away from the accused by pushing them aside. He ran to an apartment complex to hide, while the gang managed to escape with his bike and mobile phone that had fallen from his pocket while he fell on the road.

The accused who rode the bike for some distance had abandoned it on a pavement near the flyover. The victim and his father who came to the spot of crime in the morning found the bike.

The victim, Rahul Kanikan, is a resident of Kavalbyrasandra in RT Nagar.

The incident occurred between 12.30 am and 1 am on Wednesday opposite the ITC Company. The victim, who is pursuing an online course, had gone for group studies with his friends near Mukunda Theatre on Dodda Banaswadi Main Road around 4 pm. While he was returning home on the bike, the three accused who were on a scooter kicked his two-wheeler.

Rahul's father Murali Kanikan, who works in Shipping Corporation, said, "My son is in severe mental shock. He is yet to come out of it. He is lucky to have sustained minor injuries even after falling from the moving bike. This is the first time we have faced such an incident. told *The New Sunday Express*.

The Pulakeshinagar police have registered a case of robbery against unidentified accused under Section 392 of the Indian Penal Code.

"The victim said the accused were speaking in Hindi. One of them was carrying a knife. They were all aged between 20 and 22 years," said an officer, who is part of the investigation.

Cook stabbed by helper's son

ENS @Bengaluru

A 44-year-old cook was murdered, allegedly by his helper's son, in Magadi Road police station limits. The mother of the accused was working as a helper of the victim, who worked as a cook in PGs. Suspecting that his mother was very close to the victim, the accused killed him and fled.

The deceased has been identified as Ravi Bhandari. The accused is identified as Rahul, whose mother Padmavathi worked as Bhandari's helper. Rahul was reportedly angry with the victim for speaking with his mother very intimately, and suspected that they had an illicit relationship.

The crime occurred between 3.30 pm and 5.30 pm on Friday, at the house of the accused in Rajajinagar 6th block. Rahul invited Bhandari to his house and stabbed him to death. The incident came to light when Padmavathi returned home from work.

PIOUS PROCESSION

Members of the Shia Muslim community observe a ritual on the last day of Muharram on Saturday | SHASHIDHAR BYRAPPA

2 BOOKED FOR FLYING DRONE NEAR SOUDHA

BENGALURU: Two employees of a private company in the city have been booked for reportedly flying a drone over the no-fly zone of Vidhana Soudha. The suspects are identified as Arun and Baadha. They had come to make a short video for their company, which completed 15 years of operation. They were, however, unaware of the no-fly zone. The incident happened on Friday. Both of them have been warned and released on station bail. The drone has been seized too. Flying drones within 2 km of vital installations, including Vidhana Soudha and High Court, is banned. **ENS**

PINK EYE

Vit D deficiency can cause acute conjunctivitis

NAMRATA SINDWANI
@Bengaluru

JUST like Covid, which caused severe infection in people with compromised immunity, the acute conjunctivitis cases are being seen affecting patients with vitamin D deficiency, experts observed.

Dr Rohit Shetty, chairman, Narayana Nethralaya, told *The New Sunday Express*, "Since ours is a tertiary care centre, more severe cases are being referred to us. Around 150-160 patients are being seen in the outpatient department across all centres lately with the majority of them suffering from severe conjunctivitis."

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>
> Dr Rohit Shetty

Doctors explained that most cases are of viral conjunctivitis caused by adenovirus. Commonly known as "pink eye", it causes dilation of blood vessels with increased tearing, mucus discharge, swelling, itching and crusting of eyelids. Patients with vitamin D deficiency have been seen facing severe infection due to lower immunity to suppress the damage caused by the inflammation. Vitamin D plays an important role in a person's immune system and body's ability to fight infection. Its deficiency increases susceptibility to infections.

Dr Shetty explained that an upsurge in infections has been seen across the country due to heavy rain and changing weather. But it is not the sole reason for the uptick. People should work towards building immunity to avoid any lasting eye complications due to it. A patient who recently visited Shetty's hospital had suffered from pink eye two weeks earlier and had developed corneal scarring, resulting in compromised vision.

In another case, a mother with her four-month-old baby visited the hospital on Saturday with conjunctivitis. The baby's condition was so severe that she could not open her eyes due to the infection. Since children are more playful and likely to touch multiple things, they become more prone to infections. Dr Sujatha Rathod, director, Minto Eye Hospital, said a spike in cases has been observed over the last 2-3 weeks with more children affected. On an average, 100 patients are being seen daily at Minto hospital with 60 per cent of them being children. The doctors suggested to people to follow good hand hygiene, avoid wearing contact lenses and make children wear glasses to avoid constant touching of eyes. In case any family member is infected, children must be restricted from going to school as they can be possible carriers of the virus.

Newly laid roads peeling off, residents tell BBMP

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RESIDENTS of Varthur, Whitefield and Old Airport Road in the HAL ward and surrounding areas have complained that the newly laid road has started developing potholes, while tar is peeling off. The Varthur-Balagere and Balagere Panathur Main Road, which is part of Comprehensive Development Planning Road, is developing potholes as star is peeling off.

Alleging shoddy work, the residents said BBMP should black list contractors and keep the payments pending. A resident from Aditya Frondoso apartment near Varthur said the tar was laid just before the assembly elections and within two months, craters appeared on the road connecting Varthur. "The potholes need to be filled at the earliest, else, during winter and summer season, there will be dust-related infections," said Akataka Galeezi (name changed) from Aditya Frondoso apartment.

Jagadish Reddy from Varthur Rising said a representation will be given to special commissioner Thrilok Chandra, urging him to ensure that the contractors concerned who executed the road works do not get paid and also to black list them.

"There is a defective liability period. The concerned contractors need to fix the roads. These roads at Sorahunse Main Road, Halasahalli Main Road, Balagere-Panathur Road, Balagere-Gunjur Roads were recently tarred," said Reddy.

Executive Engineer of Mahadevapura Zone Muni Reddy said most complaints of potholes have come from arterial and sub-arterial roads and this is mainly because of BWSSB's works.

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Chikkaballapur Congress MLA Pradeep Eshwar has claimed that former health minister Dr K Sudhakar attempted to secure a ticket to Parliament from the Congress, and also met senior party leaders. He claimed that the information he was sharing was authentic, that Sudhakar met senior Congress leaders for the ticket, but they refused. Also, a few leaders showed no interest in meeting him, he added

'EDUCATION SHOULD NOT BE POLITICISED'

IF the government does not like something in the National Education Policy (NEP), it can be removed instead of completely dropping it. Governments and institutions must ensure continuity in education, says **Prof YSR Murthy**, Founding Vice-Chancellor, RV University, Bengaluru. In conversation with *The New Sunday Express*, he laid emphasis on the government improving standards in universities and the education sector in general, so that children do not go abroad for higher studies.

How is the current education scenario with the introduction of the National Education Policy?
The National Education Policy (NEP) 2020 has an ambitious agenda and a road map for reform. For the first time, there is a paradigm shift from teacher-focused learning to student-focused learning and a switch from STEM to STEAM, with a focus on the arts and native languages. As India becomes integrated with the global economy, the policy also addresses the need to push students towards multinational corporations. But a lot of it depends on the implementation on the ground.

Does the policy address issues in the current education system, like a shift from rote learning to experiential learning?
There were a lot of drawbacks with the Indian education system for several decades, rote learning being one of them. There is also the tuition system, where parents send their children for extra coaching outside the school, as well as a host of edtech companies coming up.

What is your opinion on the state moving away from NEP?
There was a lot of pressure on colleges and universities to embrace NEP and a very steep deadline was given. If there are reservations on some elements that the government feels is promoting a right wing or Hindutva agenda, these can be omitted, but keep the good elements of the policy.

Is there any scope to make these changes by the state independently?
Education comes under the Concurrent List, so both the Union and State are allowed to make decisions together. However, policy development takes time and NEP is already a product of country-wide consultations across stakeholders.

The basics of learning are getting revised with different political parties. Is there a need to depoliticise the education sector?
Textbooks have become a subject matter of controversy for a long time. If a political party is uncomfortable with certain portions they can be removed, but frequent changes should not be made. In current times, even if certain portions are removed from the textbook, they are still available everywhere. Every party has its agenda while making such changes to gain a vote bank and textbooks bear the brunt of it.

Are educational reforms best left to experts and not politicians?
Education-related reforms are best left to experts. It should be factual and not promote any polarising views. We are preparing future generations of leaders and the process will be jeopardised if polarised ideologies are promoted. Classrooms in universities have become spaces for people contesting to push all ideologies - left, right or centrist.

With NEP, should only the problematic parts be removed, instead of revoking it completely?
We must have continuity in education. Last year, there was a mad rush to implement NEP and the curriculum and educational institutions were not ready. Within a year, the scenario flipped with the introduction of State Education Policy. Education is a critical area with students' lives at risk. Instead of revoking it completely, the government could embrace the positive features of the policy and remove the problematic ones instead of revoking it completely.

Is education politicised now?
Education has been touched in a pronounced way in the past 10-15 years. Unrest could only be seen on certain campuses earlier. Now the battle seems to be to win the youth over, especially the new voters as there is a greater chance of influencing them. Students are exposed to all ideologies and are not devoid of or forced to follow anything in particular.

How has your experience of working with the Indian government been to bring new ideas to the education system?
I started my career at the Indian Statistical Services and worked there for three years. Over the years, working in multiple fields, including the PMO and the National Human Rights Commission has helped me in several ways, especially with policy making. Experiences like these help a person develop the right attitude to adopt appropriate policies while steering the fundamental rights of people like the freedom of right and expression.

How was it working with the PMO?
Twice I worked with PMO, one was during 2000 in Atal Bihari Vajpaye's tenure for about six months. It was an interesting time. The Indian airlines flight hijack incident had happened and there were many other controversies. I was there handling the media. I then moved to the Human Rights Commission after getting a call from Justice JS Verma, former Chief Justice of India. My second experience was working with Dr Manmohan Singh during 2005-07 under UPA 1. It was when India shifted closer to the USA when the Indo-US civil corporation happened. India was invited to G8 as an observer. We started occupying the centre table in global discourse. I had a chance to accompany him to two summits – one at St Petersburg and another in Germany. He did a great job in UPA-1. We know he had restrictions in UPA 2. Recently, I had the chance to review Abhishekh Chowdhary's book. I was reminded of my own experiences. But I made sure I wrote the book review fairly.

Thousands of students are going to foreign countries to pursue higher studies. Is there something lacking in our education system?
It's ultimately about value and choice. If you get a degree for Oxford, Harvard, Columbia or Yale it will open doors to opportunities. For an Indian degree to be valued at that level, we need to benchmark ourselves against the best in the world. Improve learning, create better pedagogy, better research facilities and laboratories. Foreign universities have huge funding and they also spend more. We don't have even one in the top 10. The answer is to have better facilities here. Today, however, we do have several islands of excellence such as IITs, Indian Statistical Institute and JNU. In 1998, when I went to study in London, an anthology professor had said the difference between a JNU degree and a UK degree was very minimal.

How long till we hit that benchmark of foreign institutions?
There has been quite an effort in India. If you look at QS Asia University rankings, five years ago there were hardly 30 institutions and today there are 120. NEP also speaks about international discourse, student exchange programmes and faculty invitations for certain sessions, so we are moving in that direction. However, we need funding from different groups and a favourable education policy. We need easy flow and access to scholars in the country. Earlier, NR Narayan Murthy had given excellent recommendations on private sector partnerships to improve the education system. Unfortunately, none were considered. We also need a new vision of the regulatory aspects of the education system.

How should educational institutions be regulated?
We need an ecosystem for education to flourish. Education should be linked to our social, economic, political and human resource transformation. Higher educational institutions need genuine autonomy. If institutions are involved in 'fly by night' operation or other dubious practices, the market system will figure out and differentiate between a black sheep and a genuine leader. Educational institutions should be given autonomy and it should not be linked with the National Institute Ranking Framework and National Assessment and Accreditation Council as they are shrouded in controversies. There are some institutions that cannot be in the same league with JNU or IISc but are managing to get the scores in NAAC and NIRF ranking and are heavily marketing the ranks.

Your opinion on the Gross Enrolment Ratio (GER)?
The country needs to double the GER. NEP talked about improving the GER from 26 to 52% in a 15-year time frame and for this to happen, we need to open one college every week. There are over 1,100 universities and these are not enough. Those who wish to open a university should be supported through all means. There should be a single-window system to give the necessary approvals and it has to be processed quickly.

How are private universities treated in terms of research funding ?
Like public universities, private ones are also fulfilling the social objective of education. Though both are educating the future generation and building leaders, the private ones are seen as profit-making entities, while the government does not extend fair research funding. If we have to be among the top universities in the world, it can happen with government support.

The fee structures are high in private schools and colleges. On what basis are their fees structured?
The tuition fee is the only source of income for any educational institution. Philanthropist donation culture is less in India when compared to foreign countries. A private university needs 25-50 acres of land for setting up a campus which is an investment of Rs 100-300 crore. It takes years to break even. However, there is a need to fix a fee structure to ensure universities do not charge exorbitantly.

Students taking the extreme step are reported often. Is our system becoming insensitive or have our youngsters become hypersensitive?
It's a complex subject and it's not merely about the system versus students. Starting from school, students must be inculcated with strong foundational values like self-confidence, hard work, perseverance and courage, as education is not just about feeding information but preparing students for life. Too many things go on in young minds and there are addictions of sorts like social media, alcohol or drugs and also relationship issues. Institutions must have counsellors and there should also be peer support. Teachers should be cognisant of those who are missing classes regularly and those whose academic performance is dropping. Teachers should engage them in a conversation and counsel them. Parents should not link their dreams with children's success and it may put children under pressure leading them to depression if they fail or get low marks in exams.

There is always the question of the employability of students. Do we have enough collaboration between industry and academia?
Industry has not taken enough steps towards academia and it is vice-versa. A lot more needs to be done across the education spectrum and both academia and industry should come forward. The full potential of industry-academia collaboration has not been tapped yet.

Opportunities were few earlier and today the choices are so many. Where is the student in the middle of those choices? Are they able to make the right decision?
Students of this generation are more privileged with a range of choices. Earlier, there was no multidisciplinary education and people used to retire in the same career. Today, students can choose electives and minors from different streams. But then, they also have challenges as skills are getting obsolete and they have to reinvent themselves through relearning and have to change their career, if need be. There is a greater canvas, information and new opportunities but with challenges.

It's a 'Guarantees vs Development' quagmire

NOTWITHSTANDING their initial denials and refutes, apprehensions of the critics seem to have come true, and development works are likely to take a hit due to the State Government's emphasis and the need for allocating funds to implement the five guarantee schemes.

Deputy Chief Minister DK Shivakumar's candid remarks on the government's helplessness in providing funds for development works in the assembly constituencies show that the administration is caught in a "guarantees vs development" quagmire. That puts the Congress government in a tricky situation ahead of the Lok Sabha polls early next year. While effective implementation of the five guarantees will be the basis on which the Siddaramaiah government's performance will be assessed, it also cannot afford to ignore development works. That could hit the state's image and have larger consequences in terms of attracting investments.

Chief Minister Siddaramaiah has always been a strong votary of welfare economics. Caste-based empowerment through welfare has been the cornerstone of his belief in economic empowerment. But with the pre-poll promises by Congress, social welfare initiatives hit a new high. Financial assistance of Rs 2,000 to the woman head of a household, free power, free travel for women in state corporation buses, financial assistance to unemployed graduates and diploma holders, and an increase in the quantity of rice given under the Anna Bhagya scheme are the five guarantees. They may have been announced with the belief in social development and women's empowerment, but it will take a few years to get a real assessment of the effectiveness of such schemes. For now, it has raised questions on the financial prudence, and concern that infrastructure development works will take a hit.

So much so that it seems to have caused some disquiet among the legislators from the ruling party. Many of them were said to have written to the CM asking him to convene a Congress Legislators' Party (CLP) meeting to discuss better coordination and other issues. In the meeting that was convened subsequently, the CM took the legislators into confidence by assuring them that he would hold district-wise MLAs' meetings every month, despite his hectic schedule. They were also assured that the works that needed to be implemented urgently will be taken up.

The CM and the Deputy Chief Minister will largely get the credit for the effective implementation of guarantee schemes, but the MLAs will be keen to show what they have done in their constituencies. Not having anything to show as their performance as a representative of that constituency will be a cause for concern for them. Also, in the run-up to the assembly polls, each of them would have made several promises to their voters that they need to fulfill.

The MLAs feeling the pinch due to a lack of funds for development works could affect the party politically. They will be the key players in the Congress's Lok Sabha poll strategy. The party has set itself an ambitious target of winning 20 out of 28 Lok Sabha seats, a huge jump from its current tally of just one Lok Sabha seat from the state. The Congress Central leadership is scheduled to hold meetings with senior leaders from the party and ministers in New Delhi on August 2 to discuss its Lok Sabha poll strategy. Implementation of guarantees, striking the right balance between providing funds for development and guarantees, ensuring implementation of budget announcements, and countering the BJP's propaganda are all likely to come up for discussion in the meetings.

For now, the BJP seems to be on a weak footing and it has not been able to decide on the Leader of the Opposition in the state assembly and the appointment of the new state president. But the party central leadership cannot afford to ignore Karnataka which has delivered 25 seats in the 2019 Lok Sabha polls and is likely to make all efforts to fix the gaps in its state unit. The BJP will be looking to highlight shortcomings in the implementation of the guarantees, lack of adequate emphasis on development, no new big projects or initiatives, and 40% cut in the PM Kisan Samman Yojna that has hit around 48 lakh farmers.

In Congress as well as opposition BJP and JDS camps, initial preparations for the LS polls have already started.

'More speed detectors will keep motorists safe'

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CLARIFYING that NHAI is collecting toll, Siddaramaiah said he will soon meet Union Road Transport and Highways Minister Nitin Gadkari and NHAI authorities and ask them to take steps to resolve the problems faced by motorists using the expressway.

Stating that five accidents were reported in July as against 20 in June, he said installation of more speed detectors will help ensure safety of motorists. "I will also hold meetings with NHAI and police in this regard," he added.

Agriculture Minister N Chaluvarayaswamy alleged that the previous BJP government had not taken the expressway work seriously. There would not have been problems if service roads and bypass roads were built along with the expressway.

Social Welfare Minister HC Mahadevappa and MLA PM Narendraswamy apprised Siddaramaiah of the problems faced by the motorists.

Min urges CM to call spl session for quota

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UNION Minister of State for Social Justice and Empowerment A Narayanaswamy on Saturday urged CM Siddaramaiah to convene a special legislature session and implement internal reservation for SCs.

Narayanaswamy said instead of pointing fingers at others, the CM should be committed to the welfare of SCs by implementing internal reservation and accepting the recommendation of the H Kantharaju Commission.

A Narayanaswamy

Siddaramaiah had earlier said Narayanaswamy's statement in the Rajya Sabha that "sub-categorisation of SCs is not permissible under the existing provisions of the Constitution" exposed BJP's hypocricy. Narayanswamy said as Union minister, he provided the current status on the issue. He said the BJP is committed to internal reservation and the process is on. Article 341 of the Constitution needs to be amended to provide internal reservation and the previous BJP government in the state had sent a report to the Centre.

Citing the Opposition's meeting in Bengaluru, he said let Siddaramaiah speak to AAP in Delhi and Punjab, TMC in West Bengal, and the Congress government in Himachal Pradesh, which have all opposed internal reservation. As a backward classes leader, he should take up the issue with Congress' alliance partners before pointing fingers at the BJP, he said. So far, the Centre has received responses from 20 states and two UTs, he added.

Relieved of nat'l role, Ravi may become BJP state chief

DEVARAJ B HIREHALLI @ Bengaluru

IN a major reshuffle of its national office-bearers, BJP on Saturday 'discharged' senior leader from Karnataka CT Ravi from the national general secretary post. It is likely that he could be given the post of state party president in a couple of days, sources said.

Ravi will then replace Nalinkumar Kateel, who has completed over three years of his term. In any case, a change of guard is imminent ahead of the Lok Sabha elections, the sources added.

Ravi, a staunch RSS and BJP loyalist, was in Tamil Nadu when he got the news of his being relieved of his national duties. He has been summoned to New Delhi on Monday.

Giving a hint of things to come, Ravi called on former chief minister and Lingayat strongman BS Yediyurappa and sought his blessings. The patch-up seemed necessary, given that Ravi had issued statements against Veerashaiva-Lingayats, saying it is not the only community that can make the saffron party win.

Ravi could be the ideal choice for the arty state president post as he knows every corner of the state. He also has the backing of BJP national general secretary (organisation) BL Santhosh, who wants to take control of the party organisation in the state ahead of the 2004 Lok Sabha polls, the sources said.

Though Union Minister of State for Agriculture Shobha Karandlaje was also a frontrunner, her proximity to Yediyurappa is a disadvantage, the source added.

If Ravi, a Vokkaliga, is made state party president, then the Leader of Opposition post in the Assembly will naturally go to a Veershaiva Lingayat, for which former chief minister Basavaraj Bommai and senior leader Basanagouda Patil Yatnal are in the race. Bommai may fit the bill, as the party high command may not want two Hindutva firebrands in both the top posts, the sources said. These changes could be announced when Yediyurappa is on a foreign tour, they added.

EXPRESS READ

No discussion about me in CLP meet: Boseraju

BENGALURU: Taking strong exception to reports that Congress MLAs from Raichur had expressed discontent against him in the recent CLP meeting, Minor Irrigation Minister N S Boseraju clarified nothing of that sort had happened. "The Congress has given me the ministerial post in recognition of my service and loyalty. I have been working well as floor leader of the party in the Council," he explained. "... I shared the dais with CM Siddaramaiah in the CLP meeting and listened to everyone's words. No MLA has asked questions about my ministerial position and department," he claimed.

Lobbying prevails for three vacant MLC posts

BENGALURU: After CM Siddaramaiah held the CLP meeting on Wednesday, lobbying for the nomination to boards and corporations and also for the three vacant MLC posts has begun. The names of former minister MR Seetharam, former Union minister K Rahman Khan's son Mansur Ali Khan, and former ED officer Sudham Das were finalised to be nominated to the Upper House some time ago. The Congress high command had already recognised their contribution and sent a message in this regard, sources said. Meanwhile, the Vokkaliga leadership within the Congress demanded that one of the MLC posts should be given to a member of their community.

The district police arrested the 58-year-old founder of a publishing house from his residence in Chennai on Saturday on charges of promoting enmity with his alleged remarks on the Manipur violence, CJI DY Chandrachud and the judiciary in a YouTube channel interview

EXPERTS QUESTION NTCA REPORT

Karnataka led the country a decade ago, but sadly stalled later in Nagarhole, Kudremukh and other forest regions, where people started to inhabit. Recently, Kali Tiger Reserve has revived and I hope the new government takes up the challenge.

Ullas K Karanth, Tiger expert

It is imperative we focus on incentive driven voluntary resettlement of people living inside Tiger Reserves, especially in Nagarahole, where highest number of tigers were reported. People are now demanding 10 acres each in the swampy grasslands called hadlus, which are the most important habitat for prey species.

Praveen Bhargav, Trustee, Wildlife First

BOSKY KHANNA @ Bengaluru

EVEN as Karnataka has shown a rise in tiger population when compared to 2018, experts and officials in the forest department question the methodology and numbers reported by the National Tiger Conservation Authority (NTCA).

As per the tiger estimate reports released by Ministry of Environment, Forests and Climate Change (MoEFCC) and Wildlife Institute of India (WII), Karnataka has 563 tigers, while Madhya Pradesh has 785. Karnataka government officials said they have the list of unique numbers of all tigers camera trapped in the state. The report released by Karnataka forest department on July 27, in Bengaluru, by Minister of Forest, Environment and Ecology Minister Eshwar B Khandre documented 435 tigers using camera trap method.

"We wonder how Madhya Pradesh has shown such a rise in numbers. There are also anomalies in the tiger count. As per the report, Nagarhole has 141, but our assessment documented 149. Similarly, Kali documented 19 tigers in our camera trap records, but NTCA shows 17. We will relook our and their data," said a forest department official. The official said the average growth rate, in all types of species, can increase by 10-20%. However, in MP it peaked exponentially by 49%. Therefore, data of all states should be made available for each other to evaluate and inform.

Experts also questioned the assessment of NTCA. As per the observations and report, the Management Effectiveness Evaluation (MEE) rating all the fiver tiger reserves of Karnataka has slated as excellent and their score is above 90%. But that is not reflecting in the tiger numbers and in the outcome.

Underprivileged children from Bosco Mane wear tiger face masks to celebrate International Tiger Day at Chamarajpet in Bengaluru, on Saturday | SHASHIDHAR BYRAPPA

MANAGEMENT EFFECTIVENESS EVALUATION (MEE) SCORE AS PER NTCA

Tiger Reserve	Remark	Score in %
Bandipur	Excellent	93.18
Bhadra	Excellent	90.91
BRT	Excellent	91.67
Kali	Excellent	90.15
Nagarhole	Excellent	92.42

TIGER POPULATION

States	2006	2010	2014	2018	2022
Karnataka	290	300	406	524	563
MP	300	257	308	526	785
Uttarakhand	178	227	340	442	560
Western Ghats	402	534	776	981	1087

12% RISE IN TIGER POPULATION IN KERALA

KOCHI:Despite the steep decline in tiger count in the Wayanad wildlife sanctuary, the population of the striped big cat remains healthy in Kerala. The status report released by the National Tiger Conservation Authority (NTCA) on the occasion of World Tiger Day revealed the tiger population in Kerala increased from 190 in 2018 to 213 in 2022. As per the Status of Tiger report, Periyar remains the best managed tiger reserve in the country with a healthy population of 43.

TIGERS WITHIN THE TIGER RESERVES OF KARNATAKA AS PER MOEFCC REPORT

TIGER RESERVE & COUNT

Karnataka must learn from MP: Ex-PCCF

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FOREST, Environment and Ecology Minister Eshwar B Khandre said, "It is heartening to note that the number of tigers in Karnataka has increased from 524 in 2018 to 563 in the 2022 census, making the state second highest tiger reserve in the country."

The minister appreciated the forest department's efforts in creating a climate conducive for conservation of tigers. As per the report, Karnataka shows a 7.44% growth as against MP's 49.23% and Uttarakhand's 26.69%.

While the state government is happy with the report, experts pointed out that the efforts made by it are not enough. The growth rate in the last four years is what MP has shown in just one year. Karnataka should learn forest management and protection practices from MP, they said. The Western Ghats region accounted for a low growth with 1,087 tigers in 2022 when compared to 1,439 in central India and Eastern Ghats regions.

Subhash Malkhade, Principal Chief Conservator of Forests, Wildlife, told TNSE that his department is happy with the report. An analysis will be done. The department is expecting the numbers to rise further. New strategies will be prepared as Bandipur and Nagarahole cannot house more tigers.

BK Singh, retired PCCF, said Karnataka must learn from MP which has secured its forests and wildlife sanctuaries. Rampant poaching and habitat loss are the main reasons for the decline in the number of tigers.

Avani Kumar Verma, retired PCCF, said there is nothing to rejoice. In fact, it's time to look into the situation objectively. Compared to other states, Karnataka has not shown the required rise in the number of tigers in the last four years. This shows there is pressure on its forests.

Experts in the Ministry of Environment, Forests and Climate Change pointed out that habitat fragmentation leads to decline in the number of tigers. Karnataka has been reporting many cases of tiger deaths and also cases of capture and injuries, which also have an impact on reproduction cycles.

A forest official said the department should focus on improving the prey base in Bhadra, BRT, Kudremukh and Kali reserves where more tigers can be housed. There are other reasons for the drop in numbers, which include shortage of ground staff, lack of scientific approach, and poor funding from the state and union governments.

5-year-old Kochi girl raped, strangled; 1 from Bihar held

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @ Kochi

NEARLY 21 hours after a five-year-old girl was abducted from her rented house in Choornikkara, her body was found abandoned in a marshy area behind the Aluva fish market, near the Periyar, river on Saturday afternoon. Initial postmortem finding revealed that the girl had been sexually assaulted. Police arrested Bihar native Asafak Alam, 28, who has confessed to the crime.

Ernakulam Range DIG A Sreenivas said Alam abducted the girl -- daughter of a couplefrom Bihar -- and murdered her before abandoning the body in a waste dump near the river. The body was found in a garbage with three stones placed atop the heap.

According to police, the girl was strangulated to death with her T-shirt. "There were gruesome injuries and marks of ant bites on the body," said Sreenivas. Police said Alam has been slapped with Pocso charges.

Police examine the body of the girl which was dumped behind Aluva market

When taken into custody on Friday night, Alam reportedly told police that he had left the girl near her house after buying her juice. Later, he changed his version and said the girl was handed over to a man named Zakir in Aluva. However, by Saturday morning he confessed to the murder and sexual harassment.

"Alam was in our custody from 9.30pm on Friday. He tried to mislead us many times.

He was very drunk and semi-conscious. However, on Saturday, he revealed the location where he had abandoned the body," said Sreenivas.

The DIG said a special investigation team has been formed and it is trying to ascertain whether more people were involved in the crime. Police suspect that the murder was committed between 3pm and 5.30pm on Friday.

"A CCTV camera footage revealed that Alam and the girl were together at 3.05pm on Friday. Then we got hold of another footage recorded around 5.30pm, in which Alam is seen alone. We have witness statements that show that Alam was involved in a fight with some persons around 6.30pm. The girl was not with him at the time," Sreenivas said.

The police said the accused, a stone mason, has been in and around Aluva for months. He took a room near the girl's house on rent on July 22.

Car plunges into canal, 4 women drown

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @ Mysuru

Four women drowned after the car in which they were travelling plunged into a canal in Srirangapatna taluk on Saturday night.

Police have identified the deceased as Mahadevamma and her relatives Rekha, Sanjana and Mahadevi, all residents of T Narasipur taluk in Mysuru district. The car fell into Visvesvaraya canal at Thuruganuru branch around 8.30 pm when the driver lost control of the vehicle on the outskirts of Gamanahalli village. The driver, Manoj, managed to swim his way to safety. Fire personnel and police rushed to the spot and recovered the bodies.

Police said one of the deceased, Mahadevamma, had held a puja for her home deity at Adhichunchanagiri. To invite family members, she along with three relatives, hired a cab from Goravanahalli to Doddamalagudi village. All four drowned.

The incident took place days after a man, Lokesh, died in a similar incident when the car he was driving fell into a canal at Thibbanalli in Mandya taluk.

Nine killed in cracker unit blast in TN

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @ Krishnagiri

NINE people died and 12 others suffered injuries in multiple explosions at a firecracker warehouse at Palayapettai village in Krishnagiri district on Saturday. A cylinder blast at a nearby shop may have triggered the explosion but the exact reason is yet to be ascertained, authorities said. The concrete warehouse was completely destroyed in the blast.

At least three shops located near the warehouse were levelled to the ground in the explosions that rocked the entire village around 9.45am. "Four fire engines and 40 personnel were deployed to put out the fire and to ensure no other explosion or fire broke out," Krishnagiri district fire officer M Mahalingam said.

According to revenue department sources, the warehouse was a licensed unit and it was run by 46-year-old M Ravi of the same area. The warehouse was used for storing chemicals used in the manufacture of firecrackers. Police identified the deceased as M Ravi (46), owner of the unit, his children, R Ruthish (21), R Rithiga (19), and S Ibrahim Kaiyulla (21), S Imran (18), B Rajeswari (55), Sivaraj (25), Sarasu (35). One of the victims has not been identified yet. One of the injured being treated a hospital is in a critical state, sources said.

Prime Minister Narendra Modi condoled the death and announced an ex gratia of Rs 2 lakh each to the families of the dead and Rs 50,000 each to the injured. Chief Minister MK Stalin also expressed his condolences to the family of the deceased and announced a solatium of Rs 3 lakh each to the deceased's family.

EXPRESS READ

'Coordination needed to conserve W Ghats'

BENGALURU: Forest, Environment and Ecology Minister Eshwar B Khandre on Saturday said that Western Ghats stretch to many other states and there is an urgent need for inter-state coordination and coordinated efforts. Speaking at the Interstate Ministerial Dialogue on Policy Framework: Accelerating Biodiversity Conservation event, organised by Atria University, Swissnex and FKCCI in Bengaluru, he said there is a need for brain storming sessions to assess the pros and cons and get ideas for conservation. A plan was also being chalked out for development of wildlife .

Car waylaid, jewellery looted

MYSURU: Miscreants waylaid a car on Mysuru-Ooty Highway and looted valuables from the passengers in Nanjangud on Friday. Police said Jayashri (45), a native of Mysuru, along with her sons, was returning from Kozhikode in Kerala after visiting her daughter's house when eight persons in two SUVs waylaid her car near Hosahalli.

MAHA ATS PROBES TRIAL BOMB BLAST IN AMBOLI FOREST AREA

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @ Belagavi

THE Maharashtra Anti-Terrorism Squad (ATS) arrested suspected terrorists and launched an inquiry into a trial bomb blast in the forest area of Amboli village attached to the border area of Belagavi district. The sleuths are gathering details of the conspiracy.

Sources said that Pune ATS sleuths had arrested Mohmmad Imran alias Amir Abdul Hameed Khan and Mohammad Yunis Mohmmad Yakub Saki. The ATS team is also said to have visited Nippani and Sankeshwar of Belagavi to collect information.

The suspected terrorists arrested by the Maharashtra police

The police from the Kothrud area of Pune had arrested the suspected terrorists, assuming they were bike thieves.

During interrogation, these suspects disclosed that they have links with ISIS, after which, they were taken into custody by the Maharashtra ATS. They told investigators that they had conducted a trial blast in the dense forests of Amboli village.

Since the suspects had travelled to Amboli from Kolhapur via Nippani, Sankeshwar of Belagavi district, the police checked the route details on July 27.

However, the Belagavi district police clarified that the Karnataka police were not informed by the Maharashtra police about the ATS team visiting Belagavi, and were also told that the ATS team had not visited Belagavi district.

WESTERN RAILWAY

MATERIAL MANAGEMENT DEPARTMENT

VARIOUS MATERIALS SUPPLY

E-PROCUREMENT TENDER NOTICE No.S/20/2023 Date 28/07/2023

S.N.	Short Description of Item	Quantity	T.O.D.
369	PAINT ALLUMINIUM.	27920 Ltr	07-Aug-23
370	Digital notch indicator (DC-DC)	25 Set	07-Aug-23
371	Blower for Silicon rectifier	108 Set	07-Aug-23
372	DRIVER SEAT	216 Nos	07-Aug-23
373	Grease Bharat MP Grease 2	9260 KG	07-Aug-23
374	HIGH SPEED DRILL SYSTEM NEURU	1 Nos	07-Aug-23
375	Air Conditioning System in drivers cab	40 Nos	09-Aug-23
376	SUPPLY OF SSDAC	8 Set	09-Aug-23
377	Drug eluting coronary stent system-	150 Nos	09-Aug-23
378	INTRA AORTIC BALLON PUMP	1 Nos	09-Aug-23
379	Hexagonal head bolt complete for Vertical Damper fitment To ICF Drg. No. - T-0-5-674, ALT. - a / nil, Consisting of item no.- 1,2 & 3, BOLT (ITEM-1) SHALL BE OF MAKE/ BRAND TVS/DFL/ UNBRAKO/ TUFF ONLY	16044 KG	10-Aug-23
380	MSU bearing NON drive- Tapered roller bearing	34 Nos	10-Aug-23
381	Foot step arrangement complete as per ICF Drg. no. - ICF / STD-2-4-001, alt-q/Nil, COL 1 I&II. (Quantity specified)	1334 Nos	10-Aug-23
382	Roof earthing switch.	32 Nos	10-Aug-23
383	BLOWER FOR SMOOTHING REACTOR	108 Set	10-Aug-23
384	Set of Battery Boxes	34 Set	10-Aug-23
385	CAB WINDOW	320 Nos	10-Aug-23
386	BRAKE GEAR BUSHES	57048 Nos	11-Aug-23
387	RUBBER SHEET	6400 Mtr	11-Aug-23
388	AC damping panel	128 Nos	14-Aug-23
389	SET OF PROTECTIVE RELAYS	27 Set	14-Aug-23
390	Over load breaking excitation relay	54 Nos	14-Aug-23
391	CCPU Side Bearer pad assembly for CASNUB 22NLB bogie	2193 Nos	14-Aug-23
392	Centre pivot top for CASNUB 22HS (Mod-I) Bogie	1644 Nos	14-Aug-23
393	CORONARY NON COMPLAINT BALLOON	800 Nos	14-Aug-23
394	CCPU Side Bearer pad assembly for CASNUB 22NLB bogie	2193 Nos	14-Aug-23
395	Brake Blending Resistor	10 Nos	15-Aug-23
396	Red-Oxide zinc chrome	21320 Ltr	16-Aug-23
397	Starter Lead Acid Battery	170 Nos	16-Aug-23
398	Supply of electrical Inter vehicular coupler.	1 Set	16-Aug-23
399	BRAKE SHOE	29111 Nos	16-Aug-23
400	BLOWER FOR TRACTION MOTOR	108 Set	16-Aug-23
401	Reverser J1 &J2	11 Set	16-Aug-23
402	ANESTHESIA WORK STATION MACHINE WITH ACCESSORIES.	1 Nos	16-Aug-23
403	MICRO SAW FOR ENT HEAD AND NECK	1 Nos	16-Aug-23
404	Jointless grooved copper contact wire 193 sq mm	4 KM	17-Aug-23
405	OIL COOLING RADIATOR	11 Nos	17-Aug-23
406	MICROPROCESSOR BASED ELECTRONIC SPEED INDICATING, RECORDING AND ENERGY MONITORING SYSTEM	54 Set	17-Aug-23
407	GEAR BOX OIL	14300 Ltr	17-Aug-23
408	Wood based resin impregnated compressed	1649 Nos	18-Aug-23
409	Repair kit	10 Set	18-Aug-23
410	ELECTRO MAGNETIC CONTACTOR COMPLETE ASSLY	109 Nos	18-Aug-23
411	GEAR CASE ASSEMBLY FOR HITACHI TYPE TRACTION MOTOR.	97 Nos	18-Aug-23
412	PU PAINT -GENTIAN BLUE.	53000 Ltr	21-Aug-23
413	HERMITICALLY SEALED SCROLL COMPRESSOR	295 Nos	21-Aug-23
414	DRY TYPE AND AIR COOLED CONTROL TRANSFORMER ,TYPE-II	830 Nos	21-Aug-23
415	SET OF LP.HP CONNECTING ROD FOR COMPRESSOR TYPE VV 120	108 Set	21-Aug-23
416	Total Knee Replacement Set	65 Nos	21-Aug-23
417	SEAL LEAD CIRCULAR 17.5 MM DIA	10212 In Hundred Numbers	22-Aug-23
418	MODIFIED TRANSITION SCREW	510 Nos	22-Aug-23
419	Side frame friction Liner for CASNUB NLB bogies	25354 Nos	22-Aug-23
420	BORON FREE NON CHROMATE TYPE CORROSION	13503 Ltr	23-Aug-23
421	BLOWER FOR TRACTION MOTOR	16 Nos	23-Aug-23
422	Procurement of variable displacement pump plasser	2 Nos	23-Aug-23
423	Procurement of hyd valve of POH of track machine	71 Nos	23-Aug-23
424	Locking Plate for CTRB Class E for Freight stock	189004 Nos	24-Aug-23
425	Manufacturing and Supply of GFN-66 Insulating Liners as per RDSO Drawing No. T-3706 (as amended up to date)	314780 Nos	24-Aug-23
426	and conforming to IRS specification No. T-44-2020	37495 KG	25-Aug-23
427	COPPER JUMPER WIRE OF SIZE 160 SQ.MM	2400 Mtr	25-Aug-23
428	TENSIONING DEVICE.	420 Set	28-Aug-23
429	Overriding Curved Switches -60 kg 1 in 8.5 conforming to RDSO's DRG. No. T-4966 with Alt.5	20 Set	28-Aug-23
430	Double acting hydraulic shock absorber for vertical	1541 Nos	31-Aug-23
431	POH KIT	2273 Set	31-Aug-23
432	Silent block for Anchor link	8114 Nos	04-Sep-23
433	Brake beam complete	1209 Nos	05-Sep-23
434	Bolster liner size 153mm X 120mm X 8mm thick	47302 Nos	07-Sep-23
435	Spheri Bloc for Axle Guide & Torque Arm for WAG-9	1034 Nos	11-Sep-23
	REVERSE AUCTION		
36	Supply of Bellow Ducts Set-01	1488 Set	08-Aug-23
37	COUPLER BODY WITH SHANK WEARS PLATE (WELDED)	2887 Nos	14-Aug-23

CORRIGENDUM

Due date postponded from 28.07.2023 to 07.08.2023 for Tender notice no. S/18/2023 dtd 06/07/2023 at Sr. No. RA 34 (Modified Elastomeric Pad (Design-A) for CASNUB bogies)

Due date postponded from 24.07.2023 to 31.07.2023 for Tender notice no. S/18/2023 dtd 06/07/2023 at Sr. No. RA 31 (TRACTION MOTOR)

Regarding detailed notice EMD, Purchase restrictions and detailed tender conditions, please visit website **www.ireps.gov.in** and **www.wr.indianrailwavs.gov.in**

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For Principal Chief Materials Manager

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"Truth is everybody is going to hurt you: you just gotta find the ones worth suffering for" — Bob Marley

GLOBAL BOILING AND THE SPECTRE OF FOOD & WATER CRISIS

THE THIRD EYE

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THE Saguaro cactus can grow to heights of 16 metres, sport over a dozen branches which resemble arms, weigh as much as up to two tonnes and is known to survive extreme heat for over 150 years. The genetic coding which enables it to survive dry and intense heat earned it the legendary sobriquet of the Sentinel of the South West. This summer the legend and the moniker are both at risk. Such has been the intensity of the heat wave across Arizona – with temperatures hovering above 40°C – the Saguaro cacti are collapsing and dying.

Extreme weather is not limited by geography or political boundaries. As per the World Meteorological Organisation, the global mean surface temperature has been the hottest July ever observed as per records – scientists using millennia of climate data extracted from sediment cores estimate it is the warmest in 120,000. July witnessed the three hottest days recorded in history and the highest ever ocean temperatures recorded in history for this time of the year.

Large parts of the northern hemisphere are in the grip of heat waves. And it is not just heat waves.

Floods inundating regions across Asia illustrate the complexity and consequences of climate change. Mumbai smashed records with the wettest July ever in history. Last month heavy rains and swollen rivers triggered floods in Punjab, Uttarakhand, Himachal Pradesh and Delhi. This month from Junagadh in Gujarat to Raipur in Chhattisgarh to Jorhat in Assam cities across India witnessed floods.

The impact of global warming is illuminated by data out of the Arctic and Antarctica too. The National Snow and Ice Data Center estimates that in June 2023 "the extent declined faster than the 1981 to 2010 average" – that is roughly 2.30 million sq km of ice melted. In Antarctica, sea ice has shrunk to its lowest level -- about 1.2 million square kilometres below the previous lowest extent on record for June 27, set in 2022.

This week, UN Secretary General Antonio Guterres, deployed evocative phraseology and declared that the "era of global warming has ended and the era of global boiling has arrived." The events unfolding across the world have been debated and predicted. Since 1990 five IPCC reports have presented comprehensive evidence of the changing climate system. In fact the 2007 report concluded that "warming of the climate system is unequivocal."

Three decades after the first IPCC report, it is hot air that distinguishes the gap between words and action. Suffice to say the world has been a warmer place since 1990. Central to the comprehension of climate change and the design of policies for mitigation is the anthropogenic aspect – that is, emission and therefore warming caused by human activity. The world's population has risen from 1 billion in 1800. It took 127 years for it to touch 2 billion and just 12 years to rise from 7 billion to 8 billion. Action on climate change is shackled by the lack of definition on needs, wants and wastage.

The consequences of inaction are laid out in various studies. As early as in 2008 a technical report of the IPCC observed "records and climate projections provide abundant evidence that freshwater resources are vulnerable and have the potential to be strongly impacted by climate change". Citing studies the report stated water supply fed by glacial and snow melt water "on which hundreds of millions of people in China, Pakistan and India depend, will be adversely affected".

The impact on hydrology will inform food security – the panic witnessed last week following ban of rice exports by India illuminates existing imbalances. Rising temperatures, shifting patterns of precipitation and extreme events can and will impact yields and production. Ocean warming and acidification constrains output of fisheries and aquaculture. The Sixth Assessment of IPCC observes "Climate-driven food insecurity and supply instability, for example, are projected to increase" and worsen effects of non-climatic risks.

The needle has scarcely moved beyond setting targets. Consider reduction of carbon emission. There is much celebration of the move towards electric mobility. Globally electric cars account for barely 10 million of 65-plus million car sales. Green credibility depends on the source of charging. China, which leads the EV race, depends on coal-fired plants for over half the electricity generated. There is movement on renewables and scale is enabling better costs. Renewables generate less than 30 per cent of total electricity produced world over. Emissions from coal-fired plants have grown! Unsurprisingly the IPCC estimates emissions will exceed net zero goals.

In its 2023 assessment the IPCC states that gaps in adaptation policies persist and continue to grow. The reason: "Current global financial flows for adaptation are insufficient for, and constrain implementation of, adaptation options, especially in developing countries". There is the reality of per capita emission and then there is the asymmetry of resources.

The reality of climate change, the inadequacies of response is visible. The implications for the future are manifest and terrifying. The price to be paid could be humongous. The window of opportunity to secure "a liveable and sustainable future" is rapidly closing.

RULE ROW KEEPS MANIPUR OUT OF EARSHOT

OPINION

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IT must be a matter of great surprise and even dismay for the citizens of India that Parliament could not discuss the Manipur situation so far because of the dispute over technicalities of certain rules in the rule book. No one can convincingly explain to the public that the discussion stalled because of a disagreement between the ruling party and the opposition on the rule under which the discussion should be held. The government was prepared for only a short-duration discussion which does not entail voting in the House, and the Home Minister will reply to the debate. On the other hand, the opposition in both Houses reportedly wanted the Prime Minister to reply to the discussion. The ruling party does not agree to it for some arcane reason, and so the stalemate.

This is symptomatic of the adversarial politics which has almost completely dismantled the moral framework in public life bequeathed to us by India's freedom movement. Parading naked women in public and gang-raping them does not shock us enough now. Otherwise, the public reaction would have been of a different level and scale. Parliament, too, in a way, mirrors this moral weariness of the public. So, except for a few perfunctory editorial comments, the public has not demonstrated any great outrage over the happenings in Manipur.

Indian society is facing a serious moral crisis. The value system nurtured by the freedom movement and the political culture promoted by the leaders who led the nation in the republic's formative years is almost disappearing. These are being replaced by the arrogant unconcern about traditions, rules, norms and civility. Perhaps this unconcern is the zeitgeist of the new India. How can Parliament remain impervious to it?

The systems of Parliament are designed to enable it to debate issues of national importance with the urgency they convey. Rules are for regulating debates and other businesses. Members use these rules for raising multiple issues in the House. These have different purposes and emphases. Certain rules can be used to censure the government, others to discuss a matter. Some rules make a vote in the House mandatory. It is fundamentally the members' right to take recourse to a particular rule to highlight an issue the way they want. The seriousness or urgency of an issue depends on the rule under which the discussion takes place. For example, a Lok Sabha House rule can be invoked to discuss an urgent matter which signifies the government's failure by adjourning the debate on all the listed matters in a day's agenda. It is called an adjournment motion containing an element of government censure. Generally, the presiding officers disallow this notice on some specious grounds, but the real reason is that it is a censure motion against the government of the day. This rule gives a member the right to berate the government on an issue which signifies its failure and seek a vote in the House to drive home that point. The point here is there are enough rules in the rule book which allow critical appraisal of the government's performance and censure it for its failures. But the problem arises when the government flatly refuses to allow discussion under a particular rule. It is actually the Speaker's function to allow or disallow a discussion under a certain rule. But experience shows that the government finally decides the nature of discussion. If the government strongly disagrees with a discussion under a particular rule, the presiding officers generally do not allow such discussion. This creates a ruckus in the House. A dissatisfied and helpless opposition would then try to obstruct the proceedings continuously, and the government would squarely blame the opposition for not helping to run the House.

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In the Manipur case, too, the same thing happened. The government was prepared to discuss the matter under an innocuous rule 176, allowing a short-duration discussion without motion and voting. Voting becomes meaningful not because the government will lose on the floor of the House but because it is perceived to be politically inconvenient or uncomfortable for the government. The opposition wants to censure the government for what happened in Manipur, which the government does not welcome. The parliamentary logjam begins here.

Similarly, the government rejects the opposition's demand for the Prime Minister to come to the House and make a statement. Both sides remain adamant, and the stalemate continues. Hopefully, the no-confidence motion will end this stalemate because the Prime Minister has to reply to the debate.

Article 75(3) of the Constitution says that the council of ministers headed by the Prime Minister shall be collectively responsible to the House of the People. This embodies the fundamental principle of executive accountability to Parliament, which is the essence of parliamentary democracy. Under this system, the ministers, including the Prime Minister, are accountable to Parliament 24 hours and 365 days. In such a system, whether the prime minister should reply to a debate or make a statement in Parliament on an important issue cannot arise the way it has arisen in the Indian Parliament now.

The present situation contains alarming possibilities. There is no denying that the people no longer look at Parliament with the same awe they had 71 years ago when free India's first Parliament came into being. The fascination generated by freedom and the new Parliament elected by a free people has given way to a strange kind of ennui and indifference reflected in the public's attitude towards Parliament and politics in general. It should not be forgotten that the Indian Parliament has established and followed healthy traditions in the past, which enabled it to navigate difficult and complex situations. The contacts, interactions and dialogues between the treasury benches and the opposition, and at different levels, happened even in times of great stress in their relationship. The parliamentary affairs minister would always act as the bridge between the government and the opposition, which generated a certain degree of trust and confidence in the opposition. In this context, a name that will always shine as a beacon is K Raghuramaiah, the legendary parliamentary affairs minister in Indira Gandhi's Cabinet. It was deeply felt by all that a certain level of mutual trust between the government and the opposition was essential for running an institution like Parliament.

This is the most important lesson we can learn from our past. The survival of Parliament as a vibrant democratic institution depends on how fast the present-day parliamentarians can internalise the power of mutual trust.

SANSKRIT THEATRE, THE KERALA STORY

A COUNTRY OF MANY GODS

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INDIA is among few countries to boast of an ancient theatre tradition. Many scholars suggest that Indian theatre originated from the Vedas. A B Keith provides evidence from Rigveda, where the emotionally charged dialogue between the twin siblings Yama and Yami prophesies the drama tradition. The same canto of Rigveda gives another conversation between Pururavas and Urvasi, which later became the nucleus of the full-length Kalidasa play, Vikramorvasiya.

Legend has it that Brahma took paathya (speech) or vacika (vocal) from Rigveda, gaana (music) from Samaveda, abhinaya (acting) from Yajurveda and rasas (aesthetics) from Atharva Veda and created Natyaveda. Natya Sastra adds that Bharata introduced lasya and tandava to increase performance quality following Lord Siva's advice.

Though Natya Satra credits Bharata as the innovator of theatre, Panini (6th century BCE), in his book Ashtadhyayi mentions Natasutra, a text on dramaturgy. Thus, the theatre tradition may have existed before Bharata, probably before the Vedic period.

The great playwrights provided impetus to the Sanskrit theatre tradition. Kalidasa paid respect to his predecessors like Bhasa and Soumilla. Though we have little evidence of the plays by Soumilla, the discovery of 13 plays by Ganapati Sastri in 1913 from Thiruvananthapuram revealed Bhasa's dramatic repertoire.

Interestingly, none of the 13 plays had the name of the author as Bhasa skips the Nandi portion completely, using the signature phrase like "naadyande tata pravishyati suthradhara" (after the Nandi enters Sutradhara). Ganapati Sastri could identify the plays as Bhasa's creations based on Rajasekhara's (9th century CE) references in Kavyamimamsa on Bhasa as the author of Svapnavasavadattam which was part of the 13 plays. Many playwrights came after Bhasa, including Kalidasa, Sudraka, Harsa, Visakhadatta, Mahendra Vikramavarman, and Kulasekhara Varman. Mahendra Vikramavarman, who authored Matthavilasa Prahasana, was a Pallava king and the patron of Bodhayana, the author of Bhagavat Ajjukeeyam.

Though Sanskrit literature glitters with their contribution, there is hardly any archaeological evidence of a structure we can call a theatre in ancient times. A B Keith and G K Bhatt refer to Ramgarh caves (also known as Jogimara and Sitabenge) in Chhattisgarh as a theatre thanks to the rock-cut benches outside the caves.

Bhasa's and Kalidasa's plays would have had theatrical performances during their lifetime. They may have taken place in mandapas attached to temples, which, though different from Bharata's dictum, could explain the absence of specific structures in ancient India for enacting the plays. In Natya Sastra, Bharata describes in detail a design. However, the legendary performance of his play, Samudra Manthan, was performed in a temporary structure on the slopes of Kailasa Mountain.

Bhasa's plays were discovered in Kerala due to the preservation of that manuscript for the Koodiyattam performances, which underlines the relevance of Koodiyattam. Koodiyattam strictly followed the prescriptions of Natya Sastra, and thus, the performances were usually time-taking. For example, Mantrankam, the play's third act by Bhasa, Pratinjnayaugandharayana, would take 41 days. The natya dharmi (stylised) mode of performance with a predominance of mudras (loosely translated as gestures) and the need for the ideal rasikas (connoisseurs or specialists) took the Koodiyattam tradition away from the common folk. There are theatres for Koodiyattam and Koothu performances, known as Koothambalams, found in many temples in Kerala.

> Though Sanskrit literature glitters with their contribution, there is hardly any archaeological evidence of a structure we can call a theatre in ancient times

The Koothambalams, built exclusively for Koodiyattams, remain as the treasure troves for understanding the recommendations of Natyasastra in the form of architecture. These structures also remain the sole vestiges of Sanskrit drama tradition in India.

Most of the Kootthambalams in Kerala can be seen in the central region around Thrissur district. Chengannur and Harippad temples make the southern extreme, where one can see the Koothambalams, while Tiruvegappura in the Malappuram district creates the northern boundary. Karivellur temple (Kannur District) in north Kerala has Koothu as part of the temple ritual but not an exclusive Koothambalam.

The Kootthambalam at Vadakkunnatha Temple at Thrissur is a magnificent example of Koothambalam architecture, the design and construction of which is attributed to the legendary Sthapati of Kerala named Perunthachan. Most of these Koothambalams are placed within the premises of the temple complexes, thus retaining exclusivity for the audiences belonging to the upper castes who were allowed inside the premises according to caste segregation laws that existed till the early 20th century in Kerala.

India's great Sanskrit theatre tradition might have lost its popularity due to the ascendance of vernacular languages as playwrights wrote plays inspired by Bhasa and Kalidasa, Bharata's Natya Sastra became more relevant in the domains of dance, and his rasa theory became part of visual art curriculum. The tradition of Sanskrit theatre, however, remained among the few practitioners performing in the dim light provided by the nilavilakku "(lamp) in a Koothambalam in the exclusivity of the temple precinct somewhere in Kerala.

QUOTE CORNER

We don't want a subservient court. We want an independent court, not an all-powerful court and that's the correction that we're doing. I don't want to minimise it. I also don't want to minimise the concerns that people have....Israel is going to remain a democracy

Benjamin Netanyahu, Prime Minister of Israel

The historic experience of combative friendship has noble values, and is serving as a reliable foundation to further develop the connection between Russia and North Korea in the field of politics, economy and safety

Vladimir Putin, President of Russia

Al Hilal, you can take me. I look like Kylian Mbappe

Giannis Antetokounmpo, NBA star

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Debates vital

Apropos 'Debate critical issues to keep parliamentary democracy healthy' (July 29). It is unfortunate that Parliament has turned into a forum for continuous protest with adjournments becoming the order of the day. Bills are being passed without any discussion, undermining the very essence of parliamentary democracy where healthy debates on issues and free exchange of views are a sine qua non. The Speaker of the Lok Sabha and the Chairman of the Rajya Sabha should take the initiative for debates on national and state issues.

C V Aravind, Bengaluru

Opposition role

The editorial rightly points out that "a constructive discussion in Parliament without further inflaming passions may help the government solve the vexed issue". The continuous violence in Manipur and naked parading of two women recently are not only highly disturbing but also equally condemnable. It appears drug mafia and tool kit politics may be the root cause for the continuation of disturbance in Manipur State. But the opposition in Parliament is indulging in procedural wrangles, denying and delaying justice to the affected people. Discussing this issue in the European Parliament is nothing but interference in India's internal matters.

H S Gopalakrishnacharya, Bengaluru

Climate goals

Apropos of "G20 meet on climate fails to reach consensus". Though being one of the larger carbon emitters through fossil fuel, India has made rapid strides in renewable energy technologies. India has set 2070 as the target year to achieve net zero carbon emission. However, carbon-emitting superpowers like the US and China have not spelt out fixed targets. The Chennai conclave did not give aclear signal to embrace renewable and clean energy. The question arises to common man globally is "If not now when?" As G20 nations are the largest contributors to global warming, poorer nations have a right to ask such questions.

R Sridharan, Chennai

Stapled visas

China's ambitious nature of claiming foreign territories should be condemned by one and all. China should be exposed for issuing stapled visas to three athletes from Arunachal Pradesh for the World University Games, Chengdu. The entire Indian Asian Games contingent should boycott the Games being held in China during Sept-Oct 2023.

Prakash Rao Gunja, Guntur

Health insurance

Make health insurance mandatory for all irrespective of income of insured persons or families. Nobody should be denied treatment for lack of money. If Medisep can provide comprehensive health insurance coverage at a monthly premium as low as Rs 500, why can't we extend same facility to entire population. Does that mean government is concerned about the health of organised and salaried rich people and their families only? Should the poor be allowed to die? Does this behove of a civilised society like Kerala?

Girish R Edathitta, Pathanamthitta

NEP 2020

Apropos "NEP 2020: PM Modi's Marathon Miscellany" (July 29). The author known for his admirable creativity and an in-depth knowledge of the subject has presented an enjoyable, informative and educative write up. I request all the stakeholders to read this article to understand the various ramifications of implementation of National Education Policy 2020 in the country.

Dr P Prema, Thanjavur

Bad decision

The proposal to get an undertaking from the award-winning writers that they will not surrender their awards for any reason has no merit. The government is in not competent to impose any such conditions. It speaks of arrogance to demand such an undertaking

V Padmanabhan, Bengaluru

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NEP gives respect to every Indian language: PM

Education in mother tongue is creating new form of justice for students, says PM Modi at 3rd anniversary of NEP launch

KAVITA BAJELI-DATT @New Delhi

PRIME Minister Narendra Modi on Saturday said that the new National Education Policy (NEP) 2020 gives due respect and credit to every language in the country and those who try to politicise languages for their selfish interests will have to shut their shops,

The PM said the world is looking at India as a nursery of new possibilities and several countries are approaching the government for setting up IIT (Indian Institute of Technology) campuses there.

Delivering the inaugural address at the 'Akhil Bharatiya Shiksha Samagam' on the third anniversary of the launch of the NEP 2020, the Prime Minister said the NEP aims at making "India a hub of research and innovation."

Highlighting India's top institutes opening their offshore campuses, Modi said, "The world is looking at India as a nursery of new possibilities. Many countries are approaching us to open IIT campuses there. Two IIT campuses — one in Tanzania and one in Abu Dhabi — are already about to start operations... Various global universities are also reaching out to us, expressing their interest in setting up campuses in India."

The PM also released the first installment of funds under the PM SHRI Scheme, under which existing schools would be selected, strengthened and upgraded.

As many as 6,207 schools received the first installment with a total amounting to ₹630 crore. The aim is to develop more than 14,500 PM Shri schools across India.

He also released education and skill curriculum books translated into 12 Indian languages.

Giving special thrust to the promotion of the mother tongue, Modi said, "Education in the mother tongue is initiating a new form of justice for the students in India. It is also a very significant step towards social justice."

He said subjects ranging from social science to engineering will now be taught in Indian languages. "When students are confident in a language, their skills and talent will emerge without any restriction," he said, adding that "judging youngsters on the basis of their language rather than their talent is the biggest injustice."

He lamented that even though India has a number of established languages, they were presented as a sign of backwardness, and those who could not speak English were neglected and their talents were not recognised.

As a result, Modi said, the children of the rural areas remained most affected.

Citing examples of several developed countries, he said they have the edge owing to their local languages. Giving the example of Europe, he said most countries make use of their own native languages. "Even at the United Nations, I speak in Indian language," the Prime Minister said.

He pointed out that those who try to politicise language for their own selfish interests will now have to shut their shops. "National Educational Policy will give due respect and credit to every language in the country," Modi said.

He asked schools to make students aware of subjects such as disaster management, climate change and clean energy.

SHOT IN THE ARM

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— PM Narendra Modi

PM Narendra Modi interacts with children at the Akhil Bharatiya Shiksha Samagam in New Delhi on Saturday | PTI

ZORAMTHANGA

WILY CM WHO FEELS THE ETHNIC PULSE

PRASANTA MAZUMDAR

SOURAV ROY

WINSTON Churchill had famously said "never let a good crisis go to waste". As if taking a cue from the wise man's eternal quote, the battle-hardened Mizoram Chief Minister, Zoramthanga, has deftly used the crisis in neighbouring Manipur to not only send a message to the minority Kukis, but also win sympathy and support of the Mizo people of his state who will vote to elect a new government in a few months.

Mizos, Kukis, Zomis, Hmars, Chins (Myanmar) and Chin-Kukis (Bangladesh) are ethnic cousins belonging to the Zo community. They share the same ancestry, culture and tradition. Nearly 150 people have been killed and over 50,000 others rendered homeless by the violence in Manipur. According to latest official figures, 12,584 displaced tribals are taking shelter in Mizoram.

Passions are running high among tribals of the north-eastern states over violence against their kin in Manipur. The wily Zoramthanga has moved in to use the opportunity to launch his own campaign in Mizoram. He is also using the opportunity to raise the demand of unification of all Zo areas of Northeast.

After walking along with protestors in his state capital in a solidarity march for Kuki-Zo tribals earlier this week, Zoramthanga said, "The wound is deep and it is very difficult to heal this with a painkiller. It needs a thorough investigation." He also said it was up to the Centre and Manipur chief minister Biren Singh to decide if the latter should step down.

As a former insurgent leader-turned-politician, Zoramthanga knows the implications of an ethnic strife too well. He, therefore, lost no time to wade into the troubled waters. He stood by the Kuki-Zo tribals all along as the violence flared up. So, when the strip-parade video involving two Vaiphei women went viral, he minced no words in condemning it despite being an ally of BJP.

"Many lives have been lost. There is bloodshed all over. With no iota of doubt, those victims are my kin, my own blood. Should we remain silent in this situation? I don't think so!" he said.

For him, the issue involving his fellow Zo tribals is bigger than coalition politics. His party, Mizo National Front, is a component of the BJP-led National Democratic Alliance (NDA). But that did not stop him from going hammer and tongs against the Manipur CM. "Though we are with NDA, we do not subscribe to its policies and objectives," he announced.

Zoramthanga has mounted pressure on the Central and Manipur governments for an early cessation of violence and a political solution. The two MPs from his state, both from MNF, have expressed their desire to quit NDA. K Vanlalvena (Rajya Sabha) and C Lalrosanga (Lok Sabha) said they were waiting for the party leadership's nod.

For the record, regional parties in the Northeast are known to change coalition equations overnight. It is a culture here that they like to align and merge themselves with the party in power at the Centre. Ideologies do not work. One reason for such partnership is to ensure the free flow of funds from Delhi.

Zoramthanga (79) is a three-time CM. He was second in command to Laldenga, the pioneering leader who was the MNF chief during Mizo secession movement.

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Zoramthanga joined the movement in its early days in 1966 and moved to the jungle. Laldenga engaged him as his secretary and he held the post for seven years. In 1979, he became MNF vice chief. After Mizoram attained statehood, he was appointed as a minister in the interim government in 1987.

In 1990, when Laldenga died, Zoramthanga was entrusted with the task of heading MNF. The party has won the state polls in 1998, 2003 and 2018 with Zoramthanga taking over as the CM.

Manipur has been ethnically divided in the wake of the violence. Kukis cannot enter the Imphal valley and similarly, the Meiteis cannot leave the Imphal valley as arterial highways pass through Kuki villages in the hills.

With no immediate rapprochement between the two warring communities in sight, the Kukis are now demanding a separate administration. It has brought the dream of unification of all Zo areas in the limelight with the Mizos fully backing it.

Zoramthanga said the unification of Mizo-inhabited areas of other states to form one administrative unit was one of the main objectives of the MNF's founding leaders. "An MNF delegation had raised the issue of merger with the Centre. It was pointed out to them (delegation) on behalf of the Centre that Article 3 prescribes the procedure in this regard but the government cannot make any commitment," he said.

Law Commission urged to safeguard rights of the disabled in UCC

SHRUTI KAKKAR @New Delhi

ABOUT 220 disability rights organisations and activists have urged the Law Commission of India to align Uniform Civil Code (UCC) with the existing laws protecting the rights of Persons with Disabilities.

The request was made by prominent organisations as well as individuals with disabilities as the commission sought public opinion on UCC, to ensure that all voices are heard during the formulation of the law.

Emphasising on the need to safeguard the rights of persons with disabilities, it was stated that implementation of the UCC without careful consideration would impact the individuals "significantly".

"We urge the Law Commission to not go ahead without adequate consultations with all stakeholders, including the disabled, their representative groups. It would also be pertinent to note that the Rights of Persons with Disabilities Act, 2016, recognises 21 types of disabilities. Their lived experiences and interactions within these domains may vary depending on their disabilities and the degrees of their impairment. We urge the Law Commission to give serious consideration to our views and hear the voices of PwDs and their representative groups," they said.

Union Law Minister Arjun Ram Meghwal informed on Saturday that the Law Commission has received more than one crore suggestions regarding the Uniform Civil Code.

Negative perception of China high in India, Brazil: US study

YESHI SELI @New Delhi

INDIA and Brazil, who are leading members of the BRICS grouping, are sceptical and have negative perceptions about China. This impression is based on a 24-nation survey conducted by US think tank Pew Research Center (PRC), conducted from February 20 to May 22 this year.

"Negative views extend to evaluations of China's international actions. Despite several high-profile diplomatic initiatives by Beijing over the past year – such as brokering a peace deal between Saudi Arabia and Iran and issuing a 12-point proposal for the end of violence in Ukraine – a median of 71 per cent think China does not contribute to global peace and stability," said the PRC Survey.

Views of China that are 'broadly negative' in India and Brazil have risen 21 percentage. The interview conducted included 2,611 respondents in India and 1,044 in Brazil. Nearly 48 per cent of Brazilians hold negative impressions on China, up from 27 per cent in 2019. Indians having negative views on China jumped from 46 per cent in 2019 to 67 per cent now.

While the border dispute after Galwan in 2020 has fuelled reservations against China in India, it is the Covid-19 pandemic that led the Brazilians to have a negative view of the country.

Meanwhile, nearly 76 per cent people are of the opinion that China does not take into account the interests of other countries in its foreign policy. A median of 57 per cent say China interferes in the affairs of other nations a great deal or fair amount.

Interestingly, India stands out as the only middle-income country that has an unfavourable view of China. While other middle income countries like Kenya, Mexico and Nigeria gives China a positive rating.

"Across all 24 countries surveyed, however, there is more agreement about China's technology. A median of 69 per cent describe China's technological achievements as the best or above average relative to other wealthy nations, with similar shares in high- and middle-income countries. A median of 54 per cent also see China's military as among the best in the world," the survey points out.

DATA SPEAKS

- **24** countries surveyed by Pew Research Center from February 20 to May 22, 2023
- **71%** of the 30,000 respondents think China does not contribute to global peace and stability
- **21%** rise in negative perception of China in India and Brazil
- **48%** of Brazilians hold negative impressions on China, up from 27% in 2019
- **67%** of Indians hold negative views on China, up from 46% in 2019

Film trivialised Holocaust, says Israeli envoy

YESHI SELI @New Delhi

ISRAEL has accused a film, released on the OTT platform, of trivialising the Holocaust and called it disturbing.

"I did not and will not watch the film Bawaal, but from what I've read, there was a poor choice of terminology and symbolism. Trivialisation of the Holocaust should disturb all. I urge those who don't know enough about the horrors of the Holocaust to educate themselves about it," said Israel's Ambassador to India, Naor Gilon.

Bawaal, directed by Nitesh Tiwari, has a reference of Auschwitz, which hasn't gone down well with Israelis. The line that has raised a storm is when actor Jahnvi Kapoor says 'Har Rishta apne-apne Auschwitz se guzarta hai' (Every relationship goes through its own Auschwitz).

"Our embassy is constantly working to propagate educational materials on this crucial subject, and we are open to engaging in conversations with all individuals to foster a better understanding of the universal lessons derived from the Holocaust. The Israeli embassy is disturbed by the trivialisation of the significance of the Holocaust in 'Bawaal'," read a statement from Israeli Embassy.

ALSO IN TOP COURT

NCO charged with murder gets relief

The Supreme Court has recently modified the conviction of a non-commission Army officer, who had shot down a colleague in a fit of rage. The conviction of Lance Naik Gursevak Singh was altered from murder to culpable homicide, since the incident happened in the heat of passion over an issue of seniority.

Shimla draft plan to be examined

Flagging concerns that the mushrooming of encroachments and unplanned development without taking adequate measures to protect the environment is proving detrimental to a large number of cities, the SC has agreed to examine the draft of Shimla's development plan 2041, notified by the government in August.

Beggars with musical talent need nurturing: Panel

PARVEZ SULTAN @New Delhi

HUNDREDS of beggars gifted with a euphonious voice seeking alms in buses and trains have grabbed the attention of parliamentarians. They want the culture ministry and its affiliated institutions promoting various art forms to identify and nurture those talents and also make provisions for their financial aid.

Taking note of vagrants using their musical skills, the 31-member Parliamentary Standing Committee on transport, tourism and culture in its 351st report submitted in the Rajya Sabha as well as the Lok Sabha has recommended that the ministry and institutions like Sangeet Natak Akademi help them monetarily and make arrangements for their jigs.

The academy functions as the apex body of the performing arts in India to preserve and promote the vast cultural heritage of India expressed in music, dance and drama. It also works with governments and art academies in states and Union territories of the country.

"Some people beg for money in trains and buses in exchange of a devotional song, a qawwali or Bollywood numbers. While most of them are physically challenged, some take to it out of sheer poverty. However, many of these beggars are also musically trained or belong to families that have been practising music for generations together. The ministry/akademis must take measures to identify such artists and provide them a platform to showcase their talent and also provide monetary support," reads a report titled 'Functioning of National Akademis and Other Cultural Institutions'.

On recommendations of the panel, experts and activists said that the government needs to do ground work and skill mapping with cultural geographical context before making strategies for the growth of those street performers.

"Besides cultural skill mapping, we need to understand the root cause for their state. There is constant conflict with the police. People who are connected to the ground realities should be involved and then strategies should be made," said Navina Jafa, vice president at Centre for New Perspectives, which has been working on heritage skill mapping and executing programmes for street performers.

Ramesh Negi, former chairman of Delhi Commission for Protection of Child Rights, said, "It is good that we are recognising their skill and potential. We can further improve their ability to make them more economically productive. The NGOs and government departments need to work together."

'Make art inclusive'

The Parliamentary panel has also opined that the Akademis need to enhance their outreach in urban and rural regions to make the arts more 'accessible and inclusive.' Without effective outreach programmes, Akademis may struggle to reach a broader audience, beyond their immediate surroundings, noted the committee headed by Rajya Sabha MP V Vijayasai Reddy.

New book will prod people to question deep-seated beliefs, says Balbir Punj

RAJESH KUMAR THAKUR @New Delhi

A NEW book by eminent political commentator and former Member of Parliament Balbir Punj titled 'Narrative Ka Mayajaal' was released on Friday. Punj seeks to dismantle the medieval and colonial narratives of India and set "India's real narrative" reflecting its ancient glory, grandeur, thoughts and cultural heritage.

"Indians remained under Mughal and British rules for centuries, which never made them feel good. The wrong narratives set by them made Indians feel inferiors," Punj said.

Speaking to this newspaper, Punj said his book also amplifies the "uniquely inclusive nature of India" by exploring many narratives which, not only in public life but also in the political life of anyone, play an influencing role. "While Indians fought the Mughals for centuries, the British made us feel inferior in just 150 years by creating wrong narratives. And we continue to live with that baggage of seeing the Western validation. Hope the Amrit Kaal brings with its pride a deep desire to change narratives into the India narrative."

"Broadly speaking, the book will also help Indian filmmakers and researchers to get creative concepts. It has also tried to untangle the complicated web of stories that shape individual and collective identity and influence our thoughts and beliefs," he said.

Punj said what is happening in Manipur is also a fallout of the imposed and wrong narratives. "We are a nation of thinkers and doers. I do hope that the book will prod you into questioning some of your deep-seated beliefs. It will nudge you towards many perspectives," the author said.

RSS leader Dattatreya Hosabale launched the book on Friday in the presence of Kerala governor Arif Mohammad Khan.

TIGER COUNT UP

Tiger count in Jharkhand's Palamau Tiger Reserve (PTR) rose to one from nil in 2018, says the latest tiger status report by the Centre issued on the occasion of the International Tiger Day on Saturday.

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INDIA	Max	Min		Max	Min
Ahmedabad	38	32	Mumbai	38	34
Bhopal	37	32	Panaji	39	34
Jaipur	38	32	Patna	37	31
Amritsar	40	33	Lucknow	37	31
Chennai	36	30	Port Blair	34	28
Kolkata	36	31	Imphal	30	22
Srinagar	31	28	Chandigarh	40	33

■ Fifth pay scale for state service officers in poll-bound MP ■ BJP set to begin yatras next month, will highlight law and order in Rajasthan

Chouhan announces sops for 1.5L police personnel

Policemen ranked between constable and sub-inspector level, who don't have government vehicles, will be given 15 litres of petrol allowance per month at the rate of ₹109 per litre

Shivraj Singh Chouhan, Madhya Pradesh CM

Weekly holiday

Weekly holiday (off) will be ensured for all cops on rotational basis and 25,000 new houses will be built for the police personnel. Also, the state armed force personnel will have their monthly allowance raised by `1,000,

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @ Bhopal

AFTER a series of sops for contractual employees and 42% dearness allowance for permanent state government employees, Madhya Pradesh chief minister Shivraj Singh Chouhan has now announced a series of benefits for state police personnel ahead of polls in the state.

Addressing a gathering of the state police's family in Bhopal on Friday evening, the CM announced that cops ranked between constable and sub-inspector level, who don't have government vehicles, will be given 15 litres of petrol allowance per month at the rate of ₹109 per litre.

Nutritious diet allowance for around 1.25 lakh non-gazetted officers and employees will be hiked from ₹650 monthly to ₹1,000 monthly. Further the police uniform allowance for constable and head constable will be raised to ₹5,000 from the earlier amount ₹2,500 and ₹3,000 respectively. The CM also announced the fifth pay scale for state police service officers just like the state administrative service officers. He announced that free medical checkups will be provided to all cops aged above 45 years.

Weekly holiday (off) will be ensured for all cops on rotational basis and 25,000 new houses will be built for the police personnel. Also, the state armed force (MP's state paramilitary force) personnel will have their monthly allowance raised by ₹1,000, which will benefit 24,000-plus SAF personnel.

Just a fortnight back, the CM had announced raising the state government employees' dearness allowance to 42%, which is at par with the DA that is received by the central government employees. Earlier on July 4, the CM had made a slew of announcements for the contractual employees of the state government. The announcements included ending the existing system of annual contract for the contract employees, giving them the benefits of the National Pension Scheme and a 100% amount in salary.

He had also announced benefits under the health insurance scheme to the contractual employees, rendering them benefits of compassionate appointment and gratuity on retirement.

Nadda in huddle with Raj leaders to shape up plans

I am sure that the people of Rajasthan are going to give one-sided blessings to the BJP in the upcoming Assembly elections. Along with this, the people are eager for a clean sweep of the BJP in the 2024 Lok Sabha elections

JP Nadda, BJP chief

'Parivartan yatras'

The party will undertake three Parivartan Yatras in Rajasthan in September. The route plan for these yatras is being finalised. State party chief Joshi hit out at the government's weak law and order situation, which he claimed added to troubles of the people.

RAJESH ASNANI @ Jaipur

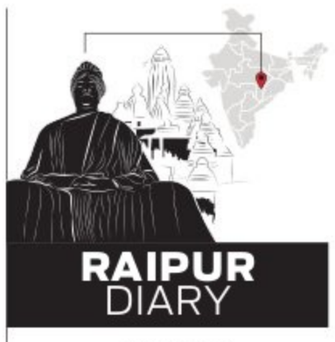
BJP chief JP Nadda participated in a key party session for the Rajasthan elections in Jaipur on Saturday. During his one-day visit, Nadda held a crucial meeting with the core committee and prominent leaders of the party at the state headquarters. The visit gains significance as it comes in the midst of the election year, with several top BJP leaders making trips to the desert state.

The BJP plans a grand conclusion of the 'Nahi Sahega Rajasthan' which the party has been running in the state for the past fortnight. The party is also organising three 'parivartan yatras' across the state, but who will lead these yatras is unclear even after the meeting today.

Notably, this is the first election in the state where the party has refrained from announcing its chief ministerial candidate, breaking the party tradition. Speculation is rife that a major announcement concerning former chief minister Vasundhara Raje Scindia could be made. These rumours gained further momentum after Raje was appointed as the national vice president of the BJP.

However, following Nadda's meeting, no concrete announcement was made regarding the CM face. Nadda did not respond to questions, but BJP chief CP Joshi expressed confidence in the party's ability to form the government in Rajasthan and asserted that the party stands united. The final decision on CM's face would be taken by the BJP Parliamentary Board.

Joshi shared information about the party's plans for August 1, which includes seven programs to be held. Among the upcoming initiatives, the party will undertake three Parivartan Yatras in the state in September. The route plan for these yatras is being finalised. Joshi launched an attack on the state led by CM Ashok Gehlot. He criticized the government's weak law and order situation, which he claimed has added to the troubles of the people. Joshi also highlighted the government's selective handling of criminal cases, pointing out the appointment of Salman Khurshid as a lawyer to defend certain suspects while neglecting other cases related to bomb blasts.



RAIPUR DIARY

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'Pol Khol' ahead of Assembly elections

With Assembly elections barely months away, parties in the state have swung into action targeting each other via the *'pol khol'* strategy (to expose). BJP cadre is set to begin visiting all 90 Assembly segments, carrying copies of the Congress' 2018 poll manifesto in an attempt to lay bare the government's 'failures'. BJP is simultaneously analysing people's views on what is expected from the party if it forms government. Meanwhile, the Congress will soon roll out its 'Samvidhan Rakshak' (protector of Constitution) campaign in every segment and amplify the 'misgovernance' of the Modi-led Central government.

Uptick in conjunctivitis cases in capital city

The state capital is reeling under an outbreak of conjunctivitis, or pink eye, with widespread occurrence of the seasonal infection being reported. Surge in the eye infection has also been reported in other parts of the state with around 20,000 cases emerging in the last one week. However, every fourth patient for the infection is in the capital, say government and private hospitals. In its effort to tackle the onslaught, the government has gone for extensive awareness campaigns on safeguards against the infection while ensuring available of medicines for those suffering from the symptoms. Conjunctivitis usually spreads during the monsoon due to humidity.

Child mortality rate still high, says Opposition

A total of 23,693 neonatal and 15,574 child mortality (1-5 years) deaths have been reported in the state since January 2019 till June 2023. The state handed out the figures in response to a query by former Leader of Opposition and BJP MLA Dharamlal Kaushik, who contended that the opposition has been raising the issue of 'woeful condition and negligence' of the state health authorities. To this, the government asserted that the state's intervention have resulted in lowering the mortality rate. Moreover, Unicef cited a decline in neonatal and infant mortality rate.

Carcinogenic herbicide for GM crops may get green light

JITENDRA CHOUBEY @ New Delhi

THE government could be in the process of allowing the cultivation of controversial herbicide-tolerant genetically modified (GM) crops, claim environmentalists. It is creating a manpower pool that includes progressive farmers and rural educated youth who can spray glyphosate, a deadly herbicide on which cultivation of GM crops heavily rely.

Glyphosate is a possible carcinogen and is placed under the restricted use.

At present, regulators have allowed its use only for tea cultivation and other non-cropping areas to flush out weeds. Assam, West Bengal, Tamil Nadu and Kerala are the major tea states.

Environmentalists have long been advocating a complete ban on glyphosate as it causes long-term consequences on humans and animals. The International Agency for Research on Cancer, France, classified glyphosate as "probably carcinogenic to humans" in 2015. Trained manpower, called pest control officers (PCOs), can be deployed to spray glyphosate on behalf of farmers.

Meiteis' show of strength on streets of Imphal valley

PRASANTA MAZUMDAR @ Guwahati

Locals estimate over one lakh people participated in the rally | EXPRESS

THOUSANDS of people hit the streets of Manipur's capital Imphal on Saturday and reaffirmed their stand against the "Chin-Kuki narco-terrorists".

Drugs have been at the centre of the nearly three-month-long violent ethnic conflict between Meiteis and Kukis, in which nearly 150 people lost their lives and over 50,000 were displaced.

The "mass rally against Chin-Kuki narco terrorism" commenced from the THAU ground and passed through city thorough fares before culminating at Hapta Kangjeibung, four kilometers away. Here, a public meeting was held.

The locals estimated that over one lakh people from different communities and leaders of various organisations participated in it. They said they had not seen such a huge turnout of people at any event in Imphal in recent years.

The Coordinating Committee on Manipur Integrity (COCOMI), which has been vocal against the menace of "Chin-Kuki narco terrorism" ever since the eruption of the violence, organised the rally.

The protestors adopted five resolutions. They demanded an end to the present conflict and "extermination" of foreign "Chin-Kuki narco-terrorists".

They outright rejected the demand of Kukis for a separate administration and insisted on the implementation of National Register of Citizens or NRC.

"NRC must be fully implemented in Manipur," the protestors demanded.

Further, they demanded that a special session of the Assembly is summoned by August 5 to adopt some action-oriented resolutions to save Manipur.

They warned that if the session is not summoned by the given time, strong agitations would be followed according to people's resolutions.

Finally, the protestors demanded that a memorandum should be submitted to Prime Minister Narendra Modi to apprise him of the first three resolutions.

Earlier, COCOMI convenor Jeetendra Ningomba had alleged that attempts were being made by fringe elements to distort Manipur's image by lobbying with some institutions within and outside the country.

"Slowly, the true picture of those behind the violence has been surfacing," Ningomba had said, adding that the world would soon see and realise the violence was instigated by the "Chin-Kuki illegal immigrants".

Guv joins Muharram procession in Srinagar

FAYAZ WANI @ Srinagar

AFTER allowing the Shia community to take out Muharram processions in Srinagar after a gap of 34 years, J&K Lieutenant Governor Manoj Sinha in a major outreach on Saturday joined the main (10th) Muharram procession of Shia Muslims in Srinagar.

It was for the first time in over three decades that the head of the state has joined the Muharram procession in J&K.

The main Muharram procession was taken out from the Bota Kadal area of downtown Srinagar after a gap of 34 years instead of the traditional route from Abi-Guzar to Zadibal. The 8th and 10th Muharram processions were banned in Srinagar after the outbreak of militancy in J&K in 1989. However, with the improvement in ground situation and considerable drop in militancy violence in Valley, the Lt Governor administration permitted the 8th and 10th Muharram processions this year.

Donned in black, Lt Sinha visited the Bota Kadal to participate in Zuljinah procession, which is observed to commemorate the martyrdom of Imam Hussain (AS), grandson of Prophet Muhammed (PBUH) during the battle of Karbala.

Lt.Governor Monoj Sinha joins Muharram procession in Srinagar | ZAHOOR PUNJABI

Two major highways worst hit by Himachal floods

HARPREET BAJWA @ Chandigarh

Vehicles ply on damaged Kullu-Manali Highway in Kullu | PTI FILE

AS per the flood damage report of the National Highways Authority of India (NHAI), the four lane Kiratpur-Manali and Chandigarh-Kalka-Shimla Nation Highways have suffered the maximum loss due to the recent heavy rains that led to flashfloods and landslides in Himachal Pradesh. A four member expert team comprising professors from IIT, Mandi and Roorkee will be visiting the hill state in the first week of August to analyze the damage and suggest long term restoration measures. It is estimated that the total damage to national highways in the hill state is approximately between ₹300 to ₹400 crore.

Regional Officer, National Highways Authority of India of Himachal Pradesh, Abdul Basit had on Thursday called on Governor Shiv Pratap Shukla and presented the flood damage report of NHAI to the governor. He said that Kiratpur-Manali and Chandigarh-Kalka-Shimla Nation Highways suffered the most.

Abdul Basit said that the maximum damage has happened on the Pandoh-Kullu-Manali National Highway. The highway at Kullu-Manali has been completely washed away at many places and the movement of vehicles is being facilitated from Raisen through the left bank. He said that to provide relief to people, who have lost the connectivity between Kullu and Manali, a 4 to 5 meter wide temporary road is being constructed so that small vehicles can pass through. At present, five kilometer temporary road is yet to be constructed between Kalath and 16 Mile. It will be completed in the next 10 to 12 days. The construction works are getting hampered due to bad weather and continuous rains. A temporary passage between Raisento PatliKuhl has been constructed.

Sources said that the Kiratpur-Manali road suffered the maximum damage at Raison, where around one kilometer stretch of road was completely damaged by the floods in Beas river.

There is no sign of the four-lane road left in the stretch.

The Chandigarh-Shimla National Highway has been damaged near Koti for three to four kilometers at five places as two lanes have suffered the maximum damage, said sources.

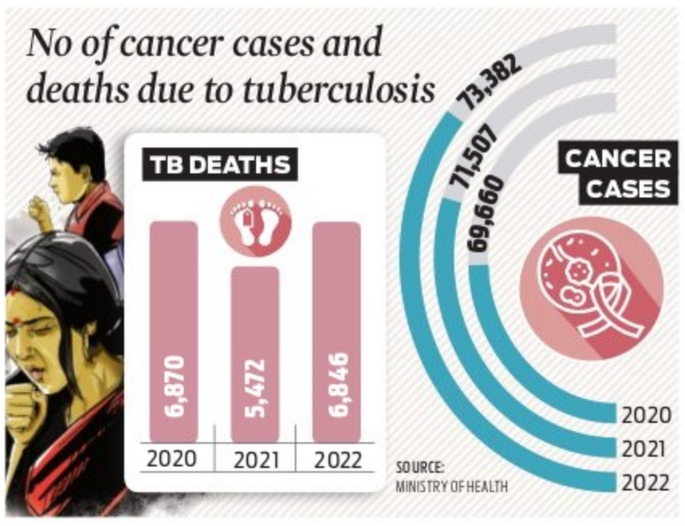
Meanwhile, Basit said that three spans of a 50-year-old bridge had collapsed on the Pinjore-Baddi-Nalagarh Highway, parallel to which a permanent bridge is being constructed by the NHAI. However, the work is being hampered due to frequent flooding of the drain.

Havoc in Uttarakhand

The devastating monsoon rains in Uttarakhand wreaked havoc in Kotdwar town of Pauri and Pithoragarh districts on Friday night. Heavy rains have created a flood-like situation in Kotdwara and the Paniali rivulet has caused the most devastation in the city's Kaudiya ward. Late at night, many houses were flooded, people left their belongings and ran to save their lives. Dr Vikram Singh, director of the State Meteorological Centre, said, "A yellow alert has been issued for heavy rains in many areas across the state for the next three days."

Steady rise in cancer, tuberculosis cases in Gujarat over last 3 yrs: Govt

DILIP SINGH KSHATRIYA @ Ahmedabad



Gujarat has seen a steady rise in cancer cases over the past three years. As per pan-India data presented in Parliament by the Union ministry of health and family welfare in response to a question by Lok Sabha MP Nihal Meghwal on July 28, 2023, 69,660 cases were reported in 2020 in the state, 71,507 in 2021 and 73,382 in 2022.

Besides cancer, the state has a high prevalence of tuberculosis (TB), emerging as one of the worst-hit states in this regard, being placed fourth in the country. It saw 3,190 TB deaths between January and May this year alone.

Cancer experts and doctors in Gujarat feel that lifestyle and pollution are to blame for the increase in the number of cases in the state.

"Soil pollution is primarily responsible for the ever-increasing incidence of cancer in Gujarat. Farmers use too much urea and pesticides in order to grow more crops. I have seen a rising trend of cancer in Gujarat over the last 10 years," said Dr Ankit Patel, Bharat Cancer Research Centre located in south Gujarat.

"Cancer has been seen among the youth in Gujarat in the last five to seven years, particularly among the 20 to 40-year-olds, which is very concerning," he added. The number of deaths due to TB is also increasing alarmingly in Gujarat.

Over the last three years, Gujarat recorded 1,20,560 TB cases in 2020, which increased to 1,51,912 in 2022. 60,585 new TB cases were registered from January to May of this year, according to figures presented in Parliament by the Union health ministry on July 25, 2023.

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POSSESSION NOTICE (U/s. Rule 8 (1) - for immovable property)

The undersigned being the Authorized Officer of YES Bank Ltd. under the provisions of the Securitisation and Reconstruction of Financials Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act,2002 and in exercise of powers conferred under Sec.13(12) read with rule 9 of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002 issued demand notices calling upon the respective borrowers mentioned hereunder to repay the amounts mentioned in the respective notices U/s.13(2) of the said Act within a period of 60 days.

The respective borrowers having failed to repay the said amounts, notice is hereby given to the borrowers and public in general that the undersigned has taken symbolic possession of the properties described herein below in exercise of powers conferred on me under Sec.13(4) of the said Act read with Rule 9 of the said Rules.

The respective borrowers in particular and public in general are hereby cautioned not to deal with the said properties and any dealing with these properties will be subject to the charge of the YES Bank Ltd. for the respective amount mentioned herein below along with interest thereon at contracted rate.

Sr. No.	Agreement No.:	Type of Loan:	O/s. As per 13(2) Notice:	Sec.13(2) Notice	Symbolic Date:
1	658LA171717790001& 658LA17171910001.	Over Draft	Rs.47,98,094.57	Date:- 08-05-2023	25-07-2023

Name of Borrowers, co-borrowers, guarantors, Mortgagors: Smt.Vijayalakshamamma ,Smt. Radhika Prabhakara,Kumari. M Sai Priya, Kumara. PreethamM, and Sri. M S Adinarayana Gupta.

Details of secured asset: All that piece and parcel of vacant site bearing present corporation No.46/29 (Old No.46, New No.29), property ID No.54-289-29, 3rd main Road, Kattariguppe Cauvery Nagar, Corporation Ward No.54 (earlier property bearing Katha No.114/2, Site No.46, Kattariguppe Village, Uttarahalli Hobli, Bangalore South Taluk) bounded on the - East by: Property bearing No.49, belonging to Sridhar, West by: Road, North by: Property No.45 belonging to Sri Krishna Thathachar, South by: Property bearing No.47. Measuring : East to west : 60 feet, North to South : 40 feet, Total area 2,400 Sq.ft.

Sr. No.	Agreement No.:	Type of Loan:	O/s. As per 13(2) Notice:	Sec.13(2) Notice	Symbolic Date:
2	658LA40202040002& 065884600000000.	Over Draft	Rs.1,03,49,804.68	Date:- 08-05-2023	25-07-2023

Name of Borrowers, co-borrowers, guarantors, Mortgagors: M/s.SriAkshaya Silks,Smt.Vijayalakshamamma, Smt.RadhikaPrabhakara,Kumari. M Sai Priya and Kumara. Preetham M.

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Dated: 25-July-2023, Place: Bangalore **Sd/- Authorized Officer - Veeresh M S, For YES BANK Limited**

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PUBLIC NOTICE

This is to notify the general public that, my client **M/s Rajashekar Multi Specialty Hospital Pvt. Ltd,** having Hospital at No.21, 9th Cross, 1st Phase, Sarakki Layout, J.P. Nagar, Bengaluru - 560 078, represented by its Directors **Dr. Ramesh Somayaji** is decided to destroy the said Hospital records i.e. case sheets, discharge summary, X-ray Records, Lab Reports and other related records for the year 2013 to June 2017, if any general public interested to collect the same in the said Hospital within 7 days from the date of this publication. Further after lapse of 7 days shall be destroy and Hospital is not responsible for the same.

J.S. Krishnamurthy, Advocate
No.10, Old No.334/10, 7th B Cross,
Bhuvaneshwari Nagar, BSK 3rd Stage,
Bangalore-560 085. Mob: 9845399492
Dated : 28.07.2023

PUBLIC NOTICE

My clients intends to purchase the below mentioned Schedule Property from **Sri.K.V.KUPPA RAJU,** S/o Late Sri.K.Venkataswamy Raju, who claims to be the absolute owner in possession of the Schedule Property. If any persons have any claim, right, title or interest in the Schedule Property or any objection to the proposed sale, the same may be communicated to the undersigned along with supporting documents within 7 days from this day, to the undersigned. If no such claims are received within the above said period my clients will proceed to purchase the Schedule Property treating as there is no claim whatsoever to the Schedule Property.

SCHEDULE PROPERTY

All that piece and parcel of the Residential Property bearing Site No.361-C, BBMP Khata No.309/709/678/617/361/C, Layout known as **"SHANTHI NIKETAN"**, Layout formed in the Property bearing Survey No.47/2A, 47/2B, 47/5, 47/6, 47/7, 55, 56, 57, 58, 59, 60, 62, 63, 64 (part), 65, 66, 67, (part), 68, 69, 70, 71/2, 72, 73, 74/1, 74/2, 75/1, 75/2 and 76/2 of Arekere Village, previously coming under Bommanahalli Nagarasabha, Bangalore South Taluk, now coming under Bruhat Bangalore Mahanagara Palike Limits, Bangalore, measuring to an extent of East to West 50 feet and North to South 30 feet, in all measuring 1500 square feet, with all rights, appurtenances, whatsoever underneath or above the surface and bounded on

EAST BY : Road,
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NORTH BY : Site No.362-C,
SOUTH BY : Site No.360-C.

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E- AUCTION SALE NOTICE (Sale through e-bidding only)

E-Auction Sale Notice for Sale of Immovable Assets under the Securitization and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 read with proviso to Rule 9(1) of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002.

Notice is hereby given to the public in general and in particular to the Borrower (s) and Guarantor (s) indicated in Column (A) that the below described immovable property(ties) described in Column (C) mortgaged/charged to the Secured Creditor, the constructive / physical possession of which has been taken as described in column (D) by the Authorised Officer of **HDFC Secured Creditor, will be sold on "As is where is", "As is what is", and "Whatever there is"** as per the details mentioned below :

Notice is hereby given to Borrower / Mortgagor(s) / legal heirs, legal representatives (whether known or unknown), executor(s), administrator(s), successor(s) and assign(s) of the respective Borrower(s) / Mortgagor(s)(since deceased), as the case may be, indicated in **Column (A) under Rule 9(1)** of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules 2002.

For detailed terms and conditions of the sale, please refer to the link provided in Secured Creditor's **website i.e. www.hdfcbank.com**

Sl	(A) Name/s of Borrower(s)/ Mortgager(s)/ Guarantor(s)/	(B) Outstanding dues to be recovered (Secured Debt) (Rs.)*	(C) Description of the Immovable Property / Secured Asset (1 Sq. mtr. is equivalent to 10.76 Sq.ft)	(D) Type of Possession	(E&F) Reserve Price (Rs.) ---------- Earnest Money Deposit (Rs)	(G) Date of Auction and Time
1	**Mr. Kamal Dhirajlal Soni (Borrower)** **Mrs. Mita Kamal Soni (Co-Borrower)**	**Rs.19,03,494/- in Loan Account No.601330878 and Rs.9,14,244/- in Loan Account No.619531679 totally accruing to Rs.28,17,738/- (Rupees Twenty Eight Lakhs Seventeen Thousand Seven Hundred and Thirty Eight Only) due as on 31.07.2020**	All that piece and parcel of residential one bed room apartment bearing No. B0801, on the 8thFloor, of Block 'B' within the building known as "NITESH HYDE PARK", having a super built up area of 688 Sq. Feet (63.92 Sq.Mtr.) along with one covered car parking space with proportionate share of 237.38 Sq. Feet (22.05 sq. mtrs.) of undivided share, right title and interest and ownership translating to 0.17% of the land on which the building is constructed, situated at Sy. No. 49 being converted land for residential purpose and presently bearing BBMP Khata No.1225/49, Measuring 05 Acres 17 guntas, situated at Hulimavu Village, Begur Hobli, Bangalore South Taluk.	Physical Possession	Rs.30,00,000/- (Rupees Thirty Lakhs Only) ---------- Rs.3,00 000/- (Rupees Three Lakhs Only)	16.08.2023 12.00 PM TO 12.30 PM

1. Inspection Date & Time: 04.08.2023 between 11.00 AM to 4.00 PM.
2. Minimum bid increment amount: Rs. 20,000/-
3. EMD Amount Submission on or before : 14.08.2023 (Before 5.00 PM)

*together with further interest @ 18% p.a. as applicable, incidental expenses, costs, charges etc. incurred up to the date of payment and / or realisation thereof.

For any assistance related to inspection of the property, or for obtaining the Bid document and for any other queries, please get in touch with Mr.Yogesh.N / Shridhar Chinni official of HDFC Bank Limited through Tel No.080-41182283, 080-41182126 / 9449080072 / 7795853045

To the best of knowledge and information of the Authorized Officer of HDFC Bank Ltd, there are no encumbrances in respect of the above immovable properties / Secured Assets.

Date : 30.07.2023
Place: BANGALORE

For HDFC Bank Ltd.
Sd/- Authorized Officer of HDFC Bank Ltd. under SARFAESI Act, 2002

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PUBLIC NOTICE OF E-AUCTION SALE (for immovable properties)

(In terms of the Securitisation and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest SARFAESI Act 2002)

Whereas the Authorised Officer of the Bank has issued a Demand Notice under Section 13(2) of SARFAESI Act 2002 and there after in exercise of powers under Section 13(12) of SARFAESI Act 2002 has taken possession of properties mortgaged to Bank under Section 13(4) of the SARFAESI Act 2002. The undersigned in the capacity of Authorised Officer has decided for sale of the following properties to public by **E-auction** and invite bids from the intending purchasers for purchase of the immovable properties mentioned hereunder on **"AS IS WHERE IS & AS IS WHAT IS"** basis.

Sl. No.	Name & Address of Borrower's / Guarantor.	a) Date of Demand Notice b) Date of Possession c) Present outstanding dues	a) Date & Time for inspection of the property b) bid submission last date c) Date & Time of E-Auction	a) Reserve Price b) EMD Amount c) Bid Increase Amount
1	**1. Mrs Swetha C Kolvekar W/o. Dilip U Aradhya,** 18th, 2nd Main Road, Sharavathi Nagar, Patteghar Palya, Bangalore-560079. **2. Mr Dilip U Aradhya S/o. Uday Shankar S,** 18th, 2nd Main Road, Sharavathi Nagar, Patteghar Palya, Bangalore-560079.	a) **08.07.2022** b) **15.10.2022** c) **Rs.40,77,256.80** plus interest and costs charges	a) **16-08-2023 Between 10.00 A.M. to 5.00 P.M.** b) **18.08.2023 before 12.00 noon** c) **18-08-2023 between 01.00 P.M. to 05.00 P.M.**	a) **Rs.28,35,203/-** b) **Rs.2,83,521/-** c) **Rs.25,000/-**
	Description of Immovable Property : TITLE DEED NO- 9153/16-17, Dt:- 06-03-2017 Flat bearing No. B004, Khatha No.1117/148/3 & E-Khatha No.15030040100012103O,"B" wing in Ground floor, measuring 1077 Sq.Feet super Built-up area, containing Two bedrooms together with RCC Roofing, vitrified flooring, one common toilet and one attached toilet, one hall, one kitchen, together with one covered car parking space,490.80 sq.feet. Undivided interest in the immovable property bearing converted Sy.No.148/3 of Kannurahalli Village and including proportionate share in common areas such as passages, lobbies, staircase , contained in the multi - storeyed building known as " NISARGA CAPITAL APARTMENTS constructed in converted Sy No. 148/3 of Kannurahalli Village , Hosakote Taluk, Bangalore Rural District and **bounded on the:** East By : 2 Mtr Wide Corridors, West By: Nisarga Capital Block"A" Apartment, North By: Flat Bearing Number B005 ; South By: Flat Bearing Number B003. **Property in the name of Mrs Swetha C Kolvekar& Dilip U Aradhya**			
2	**Borrower:- 1.Mr.S. Kiran Kumar, S/o. Late Sreenivasa Murthy,** # No.82/1 (Old No 62), PID No.133- WO 145-59 Binny Layout, Hampi Nagar, RPC Layout, Bangalore, Bangalore-560104. **2.Mrs. Savitha L, W/o Mr.S. Kiran Kumar,** # No.82/1 (Old No 62), PID No.133- WO 145-59 Binny Layout, Hampi Nagar, RPC Layout, Bangalore, Bangalore-560104. **Mortgagor:- Mr. S. Kiran Kumar, S/o. Late Sreenivasa Murthy**	a) **28-10-2019** b) **Symbolic-06.02.2020 Physical-03.02.2023** c) **Rs.2,34,88,681.05** plus interest and costs charges etc	a) **16-08-2023 Between 10.00 A.M. to 5.00 PM** b) **18.08.2023 before 12.00 noon** c) **18.08.2023 between 01.00 PM to 05.00 PM**	**Mentioned against each Property below**
	Description of Immovable Property: All that piece and parcel of the Residential Building Bearing Flat No.B001, B105, B106, B205, B206, B305, B306, "NISARGA CAPITAL" APARTMENT, Khata No.1117/148/3, E-Khata No.150300401000102507, Converted Khata No.148/3, Adjacent to Nisarga Layout, Hoskote, Malur Road, Kannurhalli Village, Kasaba Hobli, Hoskote Taluk, Bengaluru -562114. Building have Stilt + GF and 3 upper Floor. All are 2BHK Flat. **Total Site bounded on:** East by: Sy.No.162 & 163, West by: Sy.No.149 & 150, North by: Remaining land in Sy.No.148/3, South by: Road and Brook.			
	Item No.1 : Flat No. B001 having super built up area 1223 sq.ft in Ground Floor and **Bounded on :** East by: Corridor & Flat No.B010, West By: Open Space, North by: Flat No.002, South by: Open Space.			a) **Rs.30,96,000/-** b) **Rs.3,09,600/-** c) **Rs.25,000/-**
	Item No.2 : Flat No. B105 having super built up area 1165 sq.ft in First Floor and **Bounded on:** East by: Corridor & Flat No.B106, West By: Open Space, North by: Open Space, South by: Flat No.B104.			a) **Rs.29,52,000/-** b) **Rs.2,95,200/-** c) **Rs.25,000/-**
	Item No.3 : Flat No. B106 having super built up area 1110 sq.ft in First Floor and **Bounded on :** East by: Open Space, West By: Corridor & Flat No.B105, North by : Open Space, South by :Flat No.107.			a) **Rs.28,17,000/-** b) **Rs.2,81,700/-** c) **Rs.25,000/-**
	Item No.4 : Flat No. B205 having super built up area 1165 sq.ft in Second Floor and **Bounded on :** East by : Corridor & Flat No.B206 West By: Open Space, North by: Open Space, South by :Flat No.204.			a) **Rs.29,52,000/-** b) **Rs.2,95,200/-** c) **Rs.25,000/-**
	Item No.5 : Flat No. B206 having super built up area 1110 sq.ft in Second Floor and **Bounded on:** East by : Open Space, West By: Corridor & Flat No.B205, North by: Open Space, South by: Flat No.207.			a) **Rs.28,17,000/-** b) **Rs.2,81,700/-** c) **Rs.25,000/-**
	Item No.6 : Flat No. B305 having super built up area 1165 sq.ft in Third Floor and **Bounded on:** East by : Corridor & Flate No.B306 West By : Open Space, North by : Open Space, South by: Flat No.304			a) **Rs.29,52,000/-** b) **Rs.2,95,200/-** c) **Rs.25,000/-**
	Item No.7 : Flat No. B306 having super built up area 1110 sq.ft in Third Floor and **Bounded on:** East by: Open Space, West By : Corridor & Flat No.B305, North by : Open Space, South by :Flat No.307			a) **Rs.28,17,000/-** b) **Rs.2,81,700/-** c) **Rs.25,000/-**
	A/C No. 24430210000199, IFSC Code : UCBA0002443, UCO Bank, Hosakote Branch, Bangalore Rural-562114			
3	**1. Mr Kirthy Nidhi Azad S/o. Thippe Rudrappa U G,** No.2/1, 8th Cross Kempaiah Layout, Cholanayakanahalli, Hebbal, Bangalore-560032. **2. Mrs Nayana S, W/o. Mr Kirthy Nidhi Azad,** No.2/1, 8th Cross Kempaiah Layout, Cholanayakanahalli, Hebbal, Bangalore-560032.	a) **02.09.2020** b) **22-07-2021** c) **Rs.45,69,175.40 ps** plus interest and costs & other charges	a) **17-08-2023 Between 10.00 A.M. to 5.00 P.M.** b) **18.08.2023 before 12.00 noon** c) **18-08-2023 between 01.00 P.M. to 05.00 P.M.**	a) **Rs.30,79,800/-** b) **Rs.3,07,980/-** c) **Rs.25,000/-**
	Description of Immovable Property : TITLE DEED NO- 1062/16-17, Dt:- 10-05-2016 Flat bearing No. A 305,Khatha No.1117/148/3 & E-Khatha No.150300401000120701,"A" wing in Third floor, measuring 1165Sq.Feet super Built-up area, containing Two bedrooms together with RCC Roofing, vitrified flooring, one common toilet and one attached toilet, one hall, one kitchen, together with one covered car parking space, 590.95 sq.feet. Undivided interest in the immovable property bearing converted Sy.No.148/3 of Kannurahalli Village and including proportionate share in common areas such as passages, lobbies, staircase , contained in the multistoried building known as "NISARGA CAPITAL APARTMENTS constructed in converted Sy No.148/3 of Kannurahalli Village, HosakoteTaluk, Bangalore Rural District and **bounded on the:** East by: 2 mtr wide corridor, West By: Sy no.149 and Sy no.150, North By: Remaining land in Sy No.148/3, South By: Flat bearing number A304.			
4	**1. Mr Nandeeshaiah T G S/o. Gubbanna,** #6, MIG, Ist Floor, Ist Main, 2nd stage, KHB Colony, Basaveshwarnagar, Bangalore North, Bangalore-560079. **2. Mrs M E Ramya , W/o-Mr Nandeeshaiah,** #6, MIG, IstFloor, Ist Main, 2nd stage , KHB Colony, Basaveshwarnagar, Bangalore North, Bangalore-560079.	a) **18.10.2019** b) **06.02.2020** c) **Rs.52,26,031.01 ps** plus interest and costs & other charges	a) **17-08-2023 Between 10.00 A.M. to 5.00 P.M.** b) **18.08.2023 before 12.00 noon** c) **18-08-2023 between 01.00 P.M. to 05.00 P.M.**	a) **Rs.28,58,040/-** b) **Rs.2,85,804/-** c) **Rs.25,000/-**
	Description of Immovable Property : TITLE DEED No.8169/15-16, Dt:- 11-12-2015 Flat bearing No. A 102,Khatha No.1117/148/3 & E-Khatha No.150300401000120663,"A" wing in First floor, measuring 1077Sq.Feet super Built-up area, containing Two bedrooms together with RCC Roofing, vitrified flooring, one common toilet and one attached toilet, one hall, one kitchen, together with one covered car parking space,546.30sq.feet. Undivided interest in the immovable property bearing converted Sy No. 148/3 of Kannurahalli Village and including proportionate share in common areas such as passages, lobbies, staircase , contained in the multistoried building known as " NISARGA CAPITAL APARTMENTS constructed in converted Sy No. 148/3 of Kannurahalli Village , HosakoteTaluk, Bangalore Rural District and **bounded on the:** East by: 2 mtr wide corridor, West by: Sy.no.149 and Sy.no.150, North by: stair case and flat bearing no.A103, South by: Flat bearing number A101.			
5	**1. Mr L Shiva Kumar S/o. D Lingappa,** No.07 and 08, 22nd B cross, Malagala Main Road, Nagarabhavi, 2nd Stage, Nagarbhavi, Bangalore-560072. **2. Mrs B M Yashoda, W/o. Mr L Shiva Kumar,** No.07 and 08, 22nd B cross, Malagala Main Road, Nagarabhavi, 2nd stage, Nagarbhavi , Bangalore-560072.	a) **02.09.2020** b) **05-11-2020** c) **Rs.51,02,469.85** plus interest and costs & other charges	a) **17-08-2023 Between 10.00 A.M. to 5.00 P.M.** b) **18.08.2023 before 12.00 noon** c) **18-08-2023 between 01.00 P.M. to 05.00 P.M.**	a) **Rs.31,21,200/-** b) **Rs.3,12,120/-** c) **Rs.25,000/-**
	Description of Immovable Property : TITLE DEED No. 518/16-17, Dt:- 25-04-2016 Flat bearing No. A 206,Khatha No.1117/148/3 & E-Khatha No.150300401000120674,"A" wing in Second floor, measuring 1110Sq.Feet super Built-up area, containing Two bedrooms together with RCC Roofing, vitrified flooring, one common toilet and one attached toilet, one hall, one kitchen, together with one covered car parking space,563.05sq.feet. Undivided interest in the immovable property bearing converted Sy No. 148/3 of Kannurahalli Village and including proportionate share in common areas such as passages, lobbies, staircase, contained in the multistoried building known as " NISARGA CAPITAL APARTMENTS constructed in converted Sy No. 148/3 of Kannurahalli Village, HosakoteTaluk, Bangalore Rural District and **bounded on the:** East By: Nisarga Capital Block B Apartment, West By: 2 mtr wide corridors, North By: Remaining land in Sy.No.148/3, South By: Flat bearing number A207.			
	A/C No. 16290210000946, IFSC Code : UCBA0001629, UCO Bank, Rammurthy Nagar Branch, Bangalore-560016			
6	**Hemalatha M Singh,** Flat No.2122, Sobha Forest View Apartment, 12th Floor, Hosahalli,off Kanakpura Main Road, Bangalore-560062. And **Manjunath Singh,** Flat No.2122, Sobha Forest View Apartment, 12th Floor, Hosahalli, off Kanakpura Main Road, Bangalore-560062.	a) **31.01.2018** b) **12.02.2020** c) **Rs.69,72,000/-** plus unapplied interest and costs charges..	a) **17.08.2023 Between 10.00 AM to 5.00 PM** b) **18.08.2023 before 12.00 noon** c) **18.08.2023 between 01.00 P.M to 05.00 PM**	a) **Rs.49,60,800/-** b) **Rs.4,96,080/-** c) **Rs.25,000/-**
	Description of Immovable Property: All that piece and parcel of residential site bearing No.27 released by BMRDA vide their letter dated 24.03.2006 in the residential layout called as "APNA AANGAN" Layout which is approved by BMRDA vide their letter dated :19.08.2011 bearing No. BMRDA/LAO/10/2005-06 and bearing Khaneshmari No.242/75/123456/27 formed out of erstwhile Survey No.75/4 of Rajapura Village, Jigani Hobli, Anekal Taluk, bangalore District duly converted for non-agricultural residential uses and purpose vide Conversion Order Bearing No.ALN.SR.(A) 368/04-05,dt 10.12.2004 and dt 11.01.2005, issued by the Assistant Commissioner, Bangalore Sub Division(South),measuring East to West 50 feet and North to South 30 feet totally measuring 1500Sqft and **bounded on:** East By: 30 feet Road, West By: Site No.30, North By: Site No.28, South By: Site No.26			
7	**Mrs Mohseena M W/o- Mushtafa K,** Flat No.242, Nisarga Sarovara Apartment, Sy.no.49, Banahalli Village, Adjacent to surya city phase-I, off chandapur-anekal road, Bangalore-562107. And **Mr.Mustafa S/o-Veeran Kutty,** Flat no.242, Nisarga Sarovara Apartment, Sy. no.49, Banahalli Village, Adjacent to surya city phase-I, off chandapur-anekal road, Bangalore-562107	a) **03-11-2018** b) **25-02-2019** c) **Rs.26,57,410.05** plus int. and costs w.e.f 31-08-201	a) **17.08.2023 Between 10.00 AM to 5.00 PM** b) **18.08.2023 before 12.00 noon** c) **18.08.2023 between 01.00 pm noon to 05.00 PM**	a) **Rs.22,88,000/-** b) **Rs.2,28,800/-** c) **Rs.25,000/-**
	Description of Immovable Property: All that piece and parcel of Residential Apartment bearing No. 342 in Third Floor with TMC Khatha project known as "NISARGA SAROVARA" built in Schedule D property as mentioned below and measuring 893 square feet of super built up area approximately inclusive of balconies, utility areas and proportionate share in common areas such as passages, lobbies, lifts, staircases and other areas of common use with one car parking space in the Basement floor together with 295 square feet undivided share, right, title interest and ownership in the land in the schedule D property mentioned below and the apartment is **bounded by:** East by: Flat No.333, West by: CORRIDOR and Flat No.345, North by: Flat No.343, South by: Flat No.341 **SCHEDULE 'D' :** All that piece and parcel of converted property bearing Sy. No. 49, measuring 2 acre 8 guntas of land equivalent to 95832 square feet, Situated at Bannahalli, Attibele Hobli, Anekal Taluk, Bangalore Urban District converted as per order of the Special Deputy Commissioner, Bangalore District vide ref: BDS:ALN (A) SR: 11/05-06 dated 19.04.2005 and the plan is approved for construction of Multistoried Residential Apartments by the BMRDA vide its ref: NoBMRDA/AnekalPlanningAuthority/LAO/68/05-06 dated 24.11.2007 Plan approval from Secretary, Bommsandra Gram Panchayat plan approval dated 12.03.2010 and modified plan sanction RefNo.BMRDA/Anekal/PlanningAuthoriy/LAO/68/2005-06 dated 23.07.2013 and the entire extent of land is **bounded on:** East by: Road, West by: Raju Kaluve, North by: Jayaramareddy Property, South by: RamaswamyReddy Property.			
8	**Mr.Mohammed Ayub Hussain and Mrs.Shaheen** Taj No.291, 8th Cross, 3rd Stage, Pillana Garden Layout, Bangalore-45.	a) **01-03-2019** b) **25-05-2022** c) **Rs.1,56,65,874.07/-** plus unapplied interest and costs	a) **17.08.2023 Between 10.00 AM to 5.00 PM** b) **18.08.2023 before 12.00 noon** c) **18.08.2023 between 01.00 pm to 05.00 PM**	a) **Rs.1,07,12,000/-** b) **Rs.10,71,200/-** c) **Rs.25,000/-**
	Description of Immovable Property: All that piece and parcel of the property bearing Flat No.(003)GC on Ground floor measuring about 1299 Sqfts with undivided share of 325 Sqft with one car parking space carved out from property bearing BBMP Khata No.110/1, KTR/C/HM/CHKR/299/20/12-13 measuring about 8 guntas, Converted into residential purposes vide conversion order bearing No.ALNSR.92/12-13 dated 11/02/2013 situated at Marappa Layout, Moshamapalya Chalkere Cross Road, Krishnarajapura Hobli, Bangalore East Taluk, Bangalore which comes within the jurisdictional of BBMP limits "VASTAV SNEHA ENCLAVE" and **bound on:** East by: Remaining balconies, West by: Flat No.GB, North by: Garden Area & South by: Corridor **AND** All that piece and parcel of the property bearing Flat No.(004)GD on Ground floor measuring about 1625 Sqfts with undivided share of 406 Sqft with one car parking space carved out from property bearing BBMP Khata No.110/1, KTR/C/HM/CHKR/299/20/12-13 measuring about 8 guntas, Converted into residential purposes vide conversion order bearing No.ALNSR.92/12-13 dated 11/02/2013 situated at Marappa Layout, Moshamapalya Chalkere Cross Road, Krishnarajapura Hobli, Bangalore East Taluk, Bangalore which comes within the jurisdictional of BBMP limits "VASTAV SNEHA ENCLAVE" and **bound on:** East by: Remaining Passage Area, West by: Flat No.GE, North by: Corridor & South by: Remaining Passage Area.			
9	**Mr.Mustafa K,** No.31, Ground Floor, Pooja Mahalakshmi Layout, Agrahara Layout, Kogilu, Yelahanka, Bangalore-560064 **And Mrs Mohseena M,** No.31, Ground Floor, Pooja Mahalakshmi Layout, Agrahara Layout, Kogilu, Yelahanka, Bangalore-560064.	a) **03-11-2018** b) **Symbolic 25-02-2019 Physical 12/02/2020** c) **Rs.26,75,276.81** plus unapplied interest & charges etc.	a) **17.08.2023 Between 10.00 AM to 5.00 PM** b) **18.08.2023 before 12.00 noon** c) **18.08.2023 between 01.00 P.M. to 05.00 P.M.**	a) **Rs.22,88,000/-** b) **Rs.2,28,800/-** c) **Rs.25,000/-**
	Description of Immovable Property: All that piece and parcel of residential apartment bearing No.242 in second floor with TMC khatha project known as "NISARGA SAROVARA" built in schedule D property as mentioned below and measuring 893 square feet of super built up area approx. inclusive of balconies,utility areas and proportionate share in common areas such as passages,lobbies,lifts,staircases and other areas of common use with one car parking space in the basement floor together with 295 square feet undivided share,right,title interest and ownership in the land in the schedule D property mentioned below and the apartment is **bounded by:** East By: Flat No.233, West By: Corridor and Flat No.245, North By: Flat No.243, South By: Flat No.241. **SCHEDULE 'D' :** All that piece and parcel of converted property bearing Sy.No.49, measuring 2 acre 8 guntas of land equivalent to 95832 square feet, Situated at Bannahalli, Attibele Hobli, Anekal Taluk, Bangalore Urban District converted as per order of the Special Deputy Commissioner, Bangalore District vide ref: BDS:ALN (A) SR: 11/05-06 dated 19.04.2005 and the plan is approved for construction of Multistoried Residential Apartments by the BMRDA vide its ref: NoBMRDA/AnekalPlanningAuthority/LAO/68/05-06 dated 24.11.2007 Plan approval from Secretary, Bommsandra Gram Panchayat plan approval dated 12.03.2010 and modified plan sanction RefNo.BMRDA/Anekal/PlanningAuthoriy/LAO/68/2005-06 dated 23.07.2013 and the entire extent of land is **bounded on:** East by: Road, West by: Raju Kaluve, North by: Jayaramareddy Property, South by: Ramaswamy Reddy Property.			
	A/C No. 01510210000656, IFSC Code : UCBA0000151, UCO Bank, Cantonment-Branch, Bangalore-560001			
10	**Mr. Aggidevara Bhaskara S/o. Shankara Aggidevara,** #18A, Mahadevapura Kariyammana Agrahara, Near Patel Public School, Bellandur-560103.	a) **14.10.2022** b) **18.01.2023** c) **Rs.42,17,075/-** plus interest and costs charges	a) **17.08.2023 Between 10.00 AM to 5.00 PM** b) **18.08.2023 before 12.00 noon** c) **18.08.2023 between 01.00 P.M. to 05.00 P.M.**	a) **Rs.45,78,000/-** b) **Rs.4,57,800/-** c) **Rs.25,000/-**
	Schedule A Property: Item-I : All that piece and parcel of property being converted land bearing Old Sy.No.79, New Sy.No.79/2 bears a V P Khata No.615/79/2 situated at Hiranadahalli Village, Bidarahalli Hobli, earlier Bangalore South Taluk, presently Bangalore East Taluk measuring about 1 Acre, with all rights, appurtenances whatsoever hereunder or underneath or above the surface and **bounded on the:** East by: Land in Sy.No.78 belonged to Sri Ramaprasad, West by: Remaining portion of Land in Sy.No.79/1, North by: Land bearing present Sy.No.80/4 (Item-II Property), South by: Land in Sy.No.79/1 belonged to Sri H M Ramappa. ***Item-II*** : All that piece and parcel of property being converted land bearing Sy.No.80/4, bears a V P Khata No.616/80/4 situated at Hirandahalli Village, Bidarahalli Hoblii, earlier Bangalore South Taluk, presently Bangalore EAst Taluk measuring about 23 Guntas, with all rights, appurtenances whatsoever hereunder or underneath or above the surface and **bounded on the:** East by: Land in Sy.No.78 belonged to Sri M. Ramaiah, West by: Land in Sy.No.80/3 belonged to Sri Yalanagamma, North by: Road, South by: Land bearing Old Sy.No.79, present S.No.79/2 (Item-I Property) **Composite Schedule-A Property** : All tha piece and parcel of Property converted land bearing Old Sy.No.79, New Sy.No.79/2, measuring about 1 Acre, Sy.No.80/4, measuring 23 Guntas, (Converted for residential purpose vide Conversion Certificate No. ALN(E) (B) SR: 112/2009-10 dated 06.04.2010, issued by the Special Deputy Commissioner, Bangalore Dist, Bangalore), situated at Hirandahalli Village, Bidarahalli Hobli, earlier Bangalore South Taluk, presently Bangalore East Taluk, both the lands together totally measuring about 1 Acre 23 Guntas, with all rights, appurtenances whatsoever hereunder or underneath or above the surface and **bounded on the:** East by: Land in Sy.No.78, West by: Land in Sy.No.79/1 and Sy.No.80/3, North by: Road, South by: Land in Sy.No.79/1. ***Schedule-B*** : 342 Sq.ft undivided right, title and interest in the immovable property mentioned in Schedule-A above. ***Schedule-C*** : Flat bearing No.009, Block A, Ground Floor, Property Sl.No.15020040010082019 7 measuring 1027 Sq.Ft Super built-up area containing two bedrooms, together with RCC roofing, Vitrified flooring, together with one covered Car parking space, including propotionate share in common areas such as passages, lobbies, staircase, etc., in the multistoried residential building complex known as "Pinnacle" constructed over Schedule 'A' property. East by: Flat No.008, West by: Flat No.010, North by: Private Property, Southby: Flat No.021			
	A/C No. 19580210000694, IFSC Code : UCBA0001958, UCO Bank, HSR Layout Branch			

Details of known encumbrances: Not Known

TERMS AND CONDITIONS

1) Sale shall be subjected to the Terms & Conditions prescribed in the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules 2002. Detailed terms and Conditions of the sale is available/ Published inthe following websites/ Web Portal: **i) https://ibapi.in, ii) https://mstcecommerce.com/**
2) The Properties are being sold on **"As is Where is Basis" and "As is What is Basis" and" Whatever There is Basis"**
3) The Particulars of Secured Assets specified in the Schedule herein above have been stated to the best of the information of the Authorized Officers, but the Authorized Officer shall not beanswerable for any error, misstatement or Omission in this proclamation.
4) The Sale will be done by the undersigned through e-auction platform provided at the website. **https://mstcecommerce.com/auctionhome/ibapi/index.jsp on date 18.08.2023 from 1.00 PM to 5.00 PM**
5) It is open to the Bank to appoint a representative and make self-bid and participate in the auction. 6) The final decision is vested with Authorised Officer.

Date: 28.07.2023, Place: Bengaluru **Sd/- Authorised Officer, UCO Bank**

B'desh police fire tear gas on strikers demanding PM Hasina's resignation

Protesters blocked roads disrupting transport links between Dhaka and other parts of nation

DHAKA

BANGLADESH police fired rubber bullets and tear gas to disperse stone-throwing crowds blockading major roads in the capital Dhaka on Saturday in the latest protest demanding the PM's resignation.

The opposition Bangladesh Nationalist Party (BNP) and its allies have staged a series of protests since last year demanding Sheikh Hasina step down and allow a caretaker government to oversee elections due next January. Clashes erupted in several locations when police moved in to clear thousands of people who gathered in the morning to block traffic on key arterials around the city.

Bangladesh Nationalist party activists block a highway entering Dhaka during a protest demanding the resignation of the Prime Minister on Saturday | AFP

"Some officers were injured," Dhaka Metropolitan Police spokesman Faruk Hossain told *AFP*. "We fired tear gas and rubber bullets."

At least four protest sites around the city saw clashes between police and protesters, Hossain said, with 20 officers injured and 90 protesters arrested.

AFP journalists at one protest site in Dholaikhal, an old neighbourhood now a hub for automotive repair shops, witnessed protesters retaliate by throwing rocks at riot police and their vehicles.

Bacchu Mia, a police inspector at the Dhaka Medical College Hospital, told *AFP* that six protesters had been admitted to the hospital with injuries. Senior BNP leaders Goyeshwar Roy and Amanullah Aman had been taken into police custody but had not been formally arrested, Hossain said.

Transport links between the capital and other parts of the country were badly disrupted, with trucks and buses stuck in gridlock.

Hasina's Awami League has ruled Bangladesh since 2009 and has been accused of human rights abuses, corruption as well as creeping authoritarianism. Demonstrations led by the BNP have become increasingly common since the start of the year, with rallies this month drawing tens of thousands of people to the streets.

Police arrested at least 500 opposition activists ahead of a rally outside the party's headquarters this week.

Western nations have expressed concern over the political climate in Bangladesh, where the ruling party dominates the legislature. *AFP*

U.S. TO HELP AUSTRALIA BOOST MISSILE MANUFACTURING

Washington will seek to bolster its shrinking weapons stockpiles by helping Australia develop a missile manufacturing and exporting industry, top officials said on Saturday after high-level talks between the two countries

BOOST TO DEFENCE

Australian Defence Minister Richard Marles announced the project after meetings in Brisbane with US Secretary of State Antony Blinken and Pentagon chief Lloyd Austin

"We hope to see manufacturing of missiles commenced in Australia in two years' time," Marles said, hailing the initiative as a boost to his country's defence and industrial base

"We are pleased with the steps that we are taking in respect of establishing a guided weapons and explosive ordnance enterprise in this country," he added

DEVELOPING GMLRS

The project will see Australia develop guided multiple launch rocket systems, or GMLRS

Washington will now work to help Australia build a fledgling domestic missile industry almost from scratch, with an eye to securing a reliable pipeline for its own armed forces down the track

Austin said the plan would help the United States "sharpen our technological edge and strengthen our defence industrial base"

FOCUS ON SECURITY

The two-day Australia-US meeting that ended on Saturday was heavily focused on regional security and military cooperation, as the longtime allies work to curb China's growing power in the Pacific region

Canberra agreed to refurbish military bases in the strategically-important north of the country, allowing them to host training exercises and ramped-up rotations of US troops

Washington and Canberra discussed progress on the AUKUS security treaty, a landmark military pact that will see Australia develop its own nuclear-powered submarines

Both sides sought to downplay the chance of the US Congress blocking the transfer of sensitive military know-how to Australia

Four missing after Oz army helicopter lands in water

CANBERRA

FOUR air crew members were missing after an Australian army helicopter ditched into waters off the Queensland state coast during joint military exercises with the United States, officials said on Saturday.

The MRH-90 Taipan helicopter went down near Lindeman Island, a Great Barrier Reef tourist resort, at about 11 pm on Friday, exercise director Australian Army Brigadier Damian Hill said.

A search involving US, Canadian and Australian personnel was underway to find the crew who are all Australian men, officials said.

Debris that appeared to be from a helicopter had been recovered, Queensland Police Assistant Commissioner Douglas McDonald said. The Taipan was taking part in Talisman Sabre, a biennial joint US-Australian military exercise that is largely based in Queensland. This year's exercise involves 13 nations and more than 30,000 military personnel.

MRH-90 Taipan helicopter | AP

Defence Minister Richard Marles said the helicopter ditched, which refers to an emergency landing on water. "Defence exercises, which are so necessary for the readiness of our defense force, are serious. They carry risk," Marles told reporters in Brisbane. "As we desperately hope for better news during the course of this day we are reminded about the gravity of the act which comes with wearing our nation's uniform." Hill said the exercise was postponed on Saturday morning but had restarted limited activity later in the day. *AP*

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TENDER NOTICE

For more details please visit the E-Tendering Portal https://etenders.kerala.gov.in or www.kmml.com

No.	Tender ID	Items
1	2023_KMML_588598_1	For the supply of Sodium Hexa Meta Phosphate-50 MT
2	2023_KMML_590917_1	Excavation of iron oxide from third pond in as is where is condition and shifting to old ponds in KMML
3	2023_KMML_590629_1	U 400 Tunnel drier building repair works in KMML
4	2023_KMML_590659_1	For the supply of Tray Titanium for Eimco Filter-1 ST

Chavara, 29.07.2023 Sd/- Managing Director for The Kerala Minerals and Metals Ltd

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SMART CITY THIRUVANANTHAPURAM LIMITED
CIN U75302KL2017SGC05027

E-TENDER NOTICE

E-Tenders are invited for the following projects of Smart City Thiruvananthapuram Limited Project Area 1) Request for proposal RFP for Selection of Contractor for Development of Smart Roads and Underground Ducting Including Utility Shifting of Water Supply and Power lines in ABD area Under Smart (Corporation Roads) in Thiruvananthapuram

Sl. No.	Name of Project	E Tender ID	PAC Amount (Exclusive of GST)	Bid Submission Last Date
Selection of Contractor for Development of Smart Roads and Underground Ducting including Utility Shifting of Water Supply and Power lines in ABD area Under Smart (Corporation Roads) in Thiruvananthapuram				
1	Road ID 185 (MRT Road)	2023_SCTLT_552621_4	Rs. 1,66,77,152/-	03/08/2023
2	Road ID 31A (Keezhe Thampanoor Road)	2023_SCTLT_551304_4	Rs. 3,20,36,478/-	03/08/2023
3	Road ID 100 (Justice Sankaranarayana Street)	2023_SCTLT_551252_4	Rs. 2,64,00,214/-	03/08/2023
4	Road ID 43 (Marakkada Road)	2023_SCTLT_550815_4	Rs. 2,29,11,634/-	03/08/2023
5	Road ID 178 (Vivekananda Nagar Lane)	2023_SCTLT_551354_3	Rs. 1,47,13,233/-	03/08/2023

Date and Time of Opening Price Bid: To Be Intimated Separately to Technically Qualified Bidders by e-mail. All the RFP documents and details are available on the e-Procurement Website. Bids are only accepted online on the Website https://etenders.kerala.gov.in,

(Sd/-), CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER,
SMART CITY THIRUVANANTHAPURAM Ltd.

SOUTHERN RAILWAY

Madurai Division
Tender Notice No: U-E-OT-2023-09 dated 28.07.2023

The Divisional Electrical Engineer/General service /Madurai-16, for and on behalf of the President of Union of India, invites E-TENDER for the following work.

The prospective tenderers/bidders will be able to submit their offers online & **upto 17:00 hrs. on 18.08.2023** which is the closing time of the tender. Submission of offers manually is not permissible and manual offers it any, received even within the closing time of the tender, will be summarily rejected.

S. No.	Tender No & Name of the Work	App. Tender Value in ₹	Bid Security	Period of Completion
1.	**Tender No.U-E-OT-2023-09-01** MDU Division Improvement Works at Karaikkudi station under Amit Bharat Station scheme - Electrical power supply and Lighting arrangements	31,38,907/-	62,800/-	6 Months
2.	**Tender No.U-E-OT-2023-09-02** MDU Division - Improvement Works at Virudunagar station under Amrit Bharat Station scheme - Electrical power supply and Lighting arrangements	44,22,585/-	88,500/-	6 Months
3.	**Tender No.U-E-OT-2023-09-03** MDU Division Improvement Works at Kovilpatti station under Amrit Bharat Station scheme - Electrical power supply and Lighting arrangements	29,31,580/-	58,600/-	6 Months
4.	**Tender No.U-E-OT-2023-09-04** MDU Division - Improvement Works at Tiruchendur station under Amrit Bharat Station scheme - Electrical power supply and Lighting arrangements	27,54,598/-	55,100/-	6 Months
5.	**Tender No.U-E-OT-2023-09-05** MDU Division - Improvement Works at Ambasamudram station under Amrit Bharat Station scheme - Electrical power supply and Lighting arrangements	27,82,396/-	55,700/-	6 Months
6.	**Tender No.U-E-OT-2023-09-06** MVN Station : Improvements of freight train examination facilities - Power Supply Arrangements and Wiring & Installation	59,35,885/-	1,18,700/-	6 Months
7.	**Tender No.U-E-OT-2023-09-07** Madurai Division: Provision of lighting and automatic pumping arrangements in 20 Nos of subways.	36,02,052/-	72,100/-	6 Months

Time & Date of closing: 17:00hrs. & 18.08.2023.

NOTE:

1. The prospective tenderers/bidders are requested to register themselves with IREPS (Indian Railway Electronic Procurement System), if not done already, for participating in E-Tenders, Registration form is available on IREPS site (Quick link New Vendors/Contractors (E-Tender).
2. Contractors/Bidders are requested to procure Digital Signing Certificate (DSC) Class III or appropriate from Govt. of India, authorized Certifying authority (CCA-Controller of Certifying Authority) for participating in E-Tender & to log into IREPS.
3. Contractors/Bidders are requested to Pay Bid Security. The Bid Security shall be deposited either in cash through e-payment gateway or submitted as Bank Guarantee bond from a scheduled commercial bank of India or as mentioned in tender documents. The bid without Bid Security will be summarily rejected.
4. No tender form cost for all the above tenders.

For details interested persons may kindly be log on to website at **http://www.recs.gov.in.** For other details, terms and conditions, the tenderers are advised to refer to the documents uploaded. All Addendum/Corrigendum, Time extension, clarifications, etc. will be uploaded in the website only and will not be published separately in Newspapers. Bidders should regularly visit website to keep themselves updated.

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PUBLIC NOTICE

NOTICE is hereby given that my clients **Mr. C.F FAISAL AHMED**, S/o Mr. Farooque Ahmed & **Mr. P.S ZAHOOR AHMED,** S/o Mr. Iqbal Khan. P.S, are intending to purchase the Immovable Property bearing **Site No.17,** forming a portion of Assessment No.155/6, situated at **NAGAWARA VILLAGE, Kasaba Hobli, Bangalore North Taluk, Bangalore,** Presently known as No.17, 20th Cross Main Road, 1st Stage, 5th Block, H.B.R Layout, Nagawara, Bangalore, Presently coming under jurisdiction of Ward No.24 of BBMP, **Measuring: E-W: 40' feet, N-S: 30' feet, total: 1200 sq.ft** and bounded on the **East by: 20th Cross Main Road, West by: Land bearing Asst No.155/6, North by: Site No.16 and South by: Site No.18,** from its **owner: Mr. SHAIK MAHBOOB PASHA,** S/o Mr. Shaik Vally and my clients have entered in to Agreement of Sale and the sale will be completed within **10 days** from today and any person/s claiming an interest in the aforesaid property or any part thereof by way of any document of conveyance, DTD, mortgage, possession, easement, attachment or otherwise howsoever are hereby required to make the same known to my clients **Mr. C.F FAISAL AHMED & Mr. P.S ZAHOOR AHMED, Mob: 8870717072** within 10 days from the date of this notice, failing which the sale will be completed viz., execution of registered sale deed, without any reference to such claim/s and the same, if any, shall be considered as waived.

SAMARA ASSOCIATES
KALEEM BAIG B.Sc.,LL.B
 # 492, P & T Colony, Nagawara Main Road Bangalore-560045, M : 8553333724

SOUTHERN RAILWAY

Tender Notice for the Supply of Stores No. E-06/2023.

Firms are requested to Login to **http://ireps.gov.in-login->E.Tender-goods & services (new)** and quote against the following tenders. Manual Quotations will not be entertained for these tenders. **Closing time for the tender is 14.30 hrs.**

Tender No. 61235217
Brief Description of Stores: DC MOTOR IP67 TYPE 400V AC IMMUNITY
Qty: 450 Nos.
Due Date 28/08/2023

Tender No. 61235218
Brief Description of Stores: SUPPLY OF DC MOTOR 110V WITH GEAR BOX IP67 TYPE 160 VOLTS AC IMMUNITY
Qty: 100 Nos.
Due Date 28/08/2023

Please note that only online quotations submitted through IREPS portal will be accepted and the offers are to be digitally signed.

Dy. Chief Materials Manager, Signal Stores Depot, Podanur.

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The undersigned, on behalf of the President of India, Invites E-Tender for the following works:

E-Tender Notice No. 20/2023 Dated: 26-07-2023

Sl.1	Description in Brief
	Transformer Oil Filteration Plant of capacity 5000LPH **(Qty. 01 No.) (Tender No. L8236049)**
Sl. 2	Supply, installation and commissioning of compressed air supply line from existing compressor to sick line and pit lines **(Qty. 01 Set) (Tender No. L8235501C)**

E-Tender Notice No. 21/2023 Dated: 27-07-2023

Description in Brief

Supply, installation and commissioning of VVVF Drive for testing of 3-Phase traction motors. Accepted make GGE or equivalent **(Qty. 01 No.) (Tender No. L8236058)**

Last date for submission of bids for above tenders: **Upto 10:30 Hrs. on 18-08-2023**

For details log on:www.ireps.gov.in

Senior Divisional Materials Manager
PUB/267/AAD/PRB/SWR/2023-24 Bengaluru
S.W.Railways SWRRLY SWRRLY

PUBLIC NOTICE

This is to information of the general public that my client Sri. R. Muniraju S/o. late Ittamadu Ramaiah cancelled the J.D. Agreement and G.P.A. dated 11.04.2016 given to M/s. Sai Samaya Developers represented by Naveen and Parthasarathi in respect of schedule property by means of registered legal notice dated 28.07.2021.

Anybody dealing with the said persons shall do so at their risk and cost.

SCHEDULE PROPERTY

All that piece and parcel of the residential property bearing Site No.90, 91, 106 & 107 V.P. Katha No.444/15/2 presently BBMP katha No.214/444/15/2 formed in converted Sy.No.15/2, New Sy.No. 15/5 converted for nonagricultural / residential purpose by the Special Deputy Commissioner, Bengaluru District vide his official memorandum No. BDS/ALN/SR/S/303/2003-04 dated 13.11.2003 situated at Arehalli Village, Uttarahalli Hobli, Bengaluru South Taluk, measuring East to West : 120 feet and North to South : 80 feet and bounded on:

East by : 30 Feet Road, West by : 40 Feet Road, North by : Site No. 108 and 89 and South by : Site No. 105 and 92 in Sy.No. 15/3 of Arehalli Village.

Sri. Pradeed .H.S,
M/s. PHS Law Associates, Advocate, No.39/2, 3rd Floor, A.S.V.N.V. Bhavan, K.G. Road, Bengaluru - 560009.

PUBLIC NOTICE

Our clients is desirous of purchasing all that piece and parcel of residential property bearing Municipal No. 14 (earlier BDA Site No. 193, VII Block, Jayanagar Extension, Bangalore), 36th B Cross Road, VII Block, Jayanagar, Ward No. 166, Karisandra, Bangalore, in all measuring about 222.965 square metres (2400 square feet) along with the building constructed thereon comprising of ground and first floor measuring about 1600 square feet, more fully set out in the Schedule hereto and hereinafter referred to as "Schedule Property" belonging to Padma Sachidanand, wife of B S Sachidanand, residing at No. 193, 36th B Cross, Near Jayanagar National College, Jayanagar 7th Block, Bangalore - 560070 ("Owner").

Any person or persons asserting any right, title, interest or claim in the Schedule Property or any part thereof, in any manner whatsoever or having any claim against the Schedule Property or the documents thereof or against the Owner or objecting to such transaction with our clients, should write to the undersigned within **Fifteen (15) days** from the date of issuance of this notice with all documentary proof on which they are basing and asserting their rights with regard to Schedule Property or any part thereof, after which period our clients shall proceed on the basis that there are no claims of whatsoever nature with regard to the Schedule Property.

SCHEDULE

All that piece and parcel of residential property bearing Municipal No. 14 (earlier BDA Site No. 193, VII Block, Jayanagar Extension, Bangalore), 36th B Cross Road, VII Block, Jayanagar, Ward No. 166, Karisandra, Bangalore measuring about East to West 3.724 metres (40 feet) and North to South measuring about 5.574 metres (60 feet) and in all measuring about 222.965 square metres (2400 square feet) along with the building constructed thereon comprising of ground and first floor measuring about 1600 square feet and bounded on as follows: **East:** Site No. 194; **West:** Site No. 192; **North:** 36 B Cross Road; **South:** Site No. 172.

(Sunitha .R)
Advocate, IndusLaw
101, 1st Floor, "Embassy Classic", # 11, Vittal Mallya Road, Bengaluru 560 001, India
080-40726600

IN THE COURT OF THE ADDL. CITY CIVIL JUDGE (CCH No.68) AT BENGALURU

O.S.No.1156 OF 2017

Between:

K.C.G. REAL ESTATE PRIVATE LIMITED Registered office at 2nd Floor, Assam Udyog Building, M.S. Road, Fancy Bazar, Guwahati-781001, Assam, Represented herein by its Director, Sri Ramesh Kumar Golcha, **...Plaintiff**

AND

LAKSHMAN GOWDA (Since deceased by LRs. **AND OTHERS ...Defendants**

NOTICE TO PROPOSED DEFENDANTS 1(a) TO 1(d)

1(a) Smt. HUCCHAMMA, Major in age, wife of Late Sri Lakshman Gowda

1(b) Smt. SHANTAMMA, Major in age, daughter of Late Sri Lakshman Gowda

1(c) Smt. HOBALAMMA Major in age, daughter of Late Sri Lakshman Gowda

1(d) Smt. JAYALAKSHMI Major in age, daughter of Late Sri Lakshman Gowda

Last known address of all the above at: No. 42, 'Lakshmi Venkateshwara Nilaya' Balaji Layout, Ambilipura, Sarjapur Road, Opposite Bellandur Police Station, Bengaluru-560034

SUMMONS TO PROPOSED DEFENDANT NO 1(a) TO 1(d)

Whereas the Plaintiff above named has instituted the above suit seeking Specific Performance of the Agreement to Sell dated **30.01.2013** and for other consequential reliefs. Defendant No.1 (Sri Lakshman Gowda) died on **02.05.2020** during the pendency of the above suit. Proposed Defendants 1(a) to 1(d) above named are children and legal representatives of the deceased of Defendant No. 1. Hence, necessary parties to this suit.

As per order dated **22.06.2023,** the Hon'ble has directed the Plaintiff to take steps for issuance of summons through paper publication. Accordingly, you are hereby summouned to appear before this Court in person or by a pleader duly instructed to answer all material questions relating to matter at hand of the **04th day of September 2023 at 11.00 A.M. (CCH-68)**

Take notice that, in default of your appearance of the aforesaid day, this Court will proceed with the matter ex-parte.

Given under my hand and the seal of the Court, this **26th day of July 2022**

SCHEDULE

All that piece and parcel of the eastern Portion of the property bearing Survey No. 113/3, situated at Koramangala Village, Begur Hobli, Bengaluru South Taluk, measuring 6 guntas (excluding Kharab) out of 20 guntas including 2 guntas of Kharab, now coming under BBMP ward No. 67, Opposite Koramangala Club, Koramangala VI Block, Bengaluru and bounded as follows: On the East : By Storm Water Drain, West : By balance land in Sy. No. 113/3 belonging to 1st Defendant and Private Property, North : By Road, and South : By 5th 'A' Cross Road, Koramangala VI Block

By Order of Court
Sd/- Asst. Registrar
City Civil Court, Bangalore

Advocate for Plaintiffs
Sundaraswamy & Ramdas
Advocates, No.24, 'Keshava Nivas' Kalidasa Road, Gandhinagar, Bengaluru-560009

IN THE COURT OF THE XV ADDL. CITY CIVIL JUDGE, AT BENGALURU (CCH-03)
O.S. NO.7029/2021

PLAINTIFF

MRS. PHILOMENA M.A. RODRICKS, Also known as Phyllis Rodricks, Wife of Mr. Walter Rodricks, Aged about 86 years, Residing at A/2, Sacred Heart Chs, St. Joseph Road, Santacruz West, Mumbai – 400 054. Represented by her Power of Attorney holder Mr. Peter Rodricks .....PLAINTIFF

AND

MRS. ROSELIN C COOPER & OTHERS .....DEFENDANTS

Summons to Defendant No.2, and Notice to Proposed Defendant No.7 and 8 by way of Paper Publication under Order V rule 20 of CPC

To,

D-2. MR. ANTONY COOPER, Son of late E. Cooper, Aged about 52 years residing at No.18, 4th Cross, Coconut Garden, Geddalahalli, Ashwath Nagar, Bengaluru – 560094

PD 7. SMT. B.V. RABECCA, D/o Sri. H.S. Venkatesh ,Aged about 32 years, and

PD 8. SMT. K. VIJAYALAKSHMI Aged about 51 years, W/o Sri. H.S. Venkatesh, Both Proposed Defendants No. 7 and 8 are residing at No.568, A. Rajappa Layout, Behind Mantri Splendor Apartments, Geddalahalli, Bagalur Main Road, Bengaluru – 560 077.

Whereas the Plaintiff has instituted a suit to pass Judgment and Decree for suit for Declaration, to declare that the Plaintiff is the absolute owner and in uninterrupted peaceful possession of the Suit Schedule Property and other reliefs as this Hon'ble Court may deem fit to grant in the facts and circumstances of the case in the interest of justice and equity in favour of the Plaintiff and against the Defendants. You are hereby summoned to appear in this Court (CCH No.03) in person or through a pleader duly instructed and able to answer all material questions relating to the suit on the **23rd** day of **August 2023** at **11.00 a.m.** Take notice that in default of your appearance on the day above mentioned, the suit will be heard and determined in your absence.

SUIT SCHEDULE PROPERTY

ALL THAT PIECE AND PARCEL of land, with structures, bearing **Site Nos.3 & 4** (three & four) in a portion of Village Panchayat Khata No.62/B-99/1, in the residential layout formed in residential converted Survey No.5 (five) Geddalahalli Village, K.R. Puram Hobli, earlier Bangalore South (Additional) Taluk and presently Bengaluru East Taluk, Measuring: East to West:40 feet, North to South:60 feet

Given under my hand and seal of this court on this the **18th** day of **July 2023.**

By Order of the Court
Sd/- Assistant Registrar
City Civil Cout, Bengaluru

Advocate for Plaintiff :
Vivek Anand Anthony Britto
Advocate, KAR 09/1994

BEFORE THE DEBTS RECOVERY TRIBUNAL AT BANGALORE
(BSNL Building 4u, Floor, Telephone House Raja Bhava n Road Bengaluru-01)

O. A. No: 319 /2022

BETWEEN
BANK OF BARODA
Vijayanagar Branch
AND
M/S. BANGALORE MART & OTHERS
APPLICANT DEFENDANTS

SUMMONS ISSUED UNDER RULE 23 (VIII) OF THE DEBTS RECOVERY TRIBUNAL (PROCEDURE) RULES, 1993

WHEREAS, the Applicant Bank has instituted as application under section 19 of the Recovery of Debts Due to Banks and Financial Institutions-Act.). 993 against you for Recovery of a, sum of Rs.1,25,36,810.69 together with current and future interest and other relief s The above Defendants is therefore, hereby directed to before the Tribunal in person or through an advocate or through authorized agents in support of their defence to show cause within 30 days from the date publication or on.20.10.2023 at 10:30 AM., as to why reliefs prayed for should not got granted.

Take Notice that in default of your appearance on the day mentioned herein before the proceeding will be heard and determined in your absence

By order of the Tribunal
Registrar
Debts Recovery Tribunal-1
Bengaluru

To.

1.M/S. BANGALORE MART No.371 , 9th Main Road, Ramaiah Enclave, Hesarahatta Main Road, Nagasandra Post, Bengaluru-73 Represented by its Sole Propritrix, **Smt. SHWETHA R. W / o.** Nagaraj Gowda, Also at: No.39 /2, Santhoshima Enclave, T. Dasarahalli, Peenya, Bengaluru-560057

2. Mrs. SHWETHA R. W /o. Nagaraju Gowda, 3.Mr. NAGARAJU GOWDA S/o. Thimmegowda Both are R/at No.G-105, Anjaneya Bock, Sheshadripuram, Bengaluru-560020 Alao at: No. 1025, Avon Prestige, Kensington, HMT Estate, Jalahalli, Bengaluru-13

PUBLIC NOTICE

My client is intending to purchase the immovable property bearing Site No. 227, presenty bearing BBMP Khata No. 207/207/227, in the layout formed by the Defence/ Government Officials Site Owners Association, formed in Sy No.6, situated at Chikkabettahalli, Yelahanka Hobli, Bangalore North Taluk, Measuring East to West 50' or 12.19 mtrs and North to South 81' or 24.68 mtrs (totally measuring 4050 sft or 376 sq mtrs) bounded by: On the East: Site No. 226, On the West: Site No. 228, On the North: Road and On the South: Site No. 260 and 261 From its owners **Mr. Parmjeet Singh Dahele, Mrs. Surinder Pal Dahele, Mrs. Satinder Pal Dhillon and Mrs. Bhupinder Kaur Dahele.**

Any person having any objections or claiming any right, title or interest in the said property are required to lodge the same with the undersigned along with documentary evidence within 15 days from this date failing which my client shall proceed with the transactions of the said property free from all encumbrances.

Sd/-
Sudha.T.C, B.A.L.,L.B., -Advocate,
Flat No.b-218, I Floor, Wilson Vintage Apt, No.24, 12th Cross, Opp Adugodi P.o, Wilson Garden, Bangalore-27. Phone: 2220707/9880080528

Place : Bangalore
Dated:28.07.2023

PUBLIC NOTICE

This is to bring to the notice of the General Public that my Client intends to purchase Immovable Agricultural Land bearing **Sy.No.61/2,** Old Sy.No.61, Measuring **12.08 Guntas,** Situated at **ANJANAPURA VILLAGE, Uttarahalli Hobli, Bengaluru South Taluk** and bounded on the : **East by :** Remaining Portion of Sy.No.61, **West by :** Road, **North by :** Remaining Portion of Sy.No.61, **South by :** BDA-Anjanapura Layout, for valuable consideration from Mrs. SHANTHA BEN, W/o.Late.Lakhamsi Bhai Patel, aged about 69 Years, Residing at No.206, in No.516, 4th A Main, 6th Cross, N.S Palya, BTM 2nd Stage, Bengaluru-560076, AADHAAR No.350668372214.

Any person/s/government body/financial institutions/bank/s/Legal Heirs having any right, title, claims, interest or objections in respect of the said Sale of Property shall register the same in writing with documentary proof with the undersigned subsisting his/her/its/their claims within **Fifteen (15) Days** from the date of publication of this Public Notice. If no valid objections are received within the stipulated time, it will be presumed that there are no claims/objections and my Client will then be free to conclude the transaction in respect of the said Property in his/her/their favour without any notice. Any objection thereafter will not be entertained.

ILAHI-BAKASH,
SYED ILYAS, ADVOCATES, LEGAL WRITES,
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PROJECTS CIRCLE, CHENNAI-16

TENDER NOTICE

Tender Notice: 05/2023-2024/SDO/ Dated.26.07.2023

For and on behalf of the Governor of Tamil Nadu **Item Rate tender through online** only will be received **upto 08.09.2023, 15.00** hours by the **Superintending Engineer (H) Projects Circle, Chennai** for **One High Level Bridge Work** in respect of **Vellore (H) Projects Division** under **Comprehensive Road Infrastructure Development Programme 2023 – 2024.**

Name of the work, approximate value of work, EMD, tender documents and all other details are available from **09.08.2023** onwards in the Government website **https://tntenders.gov.in.** If any Changes / Corrections / Amendments etc, related to the tender, it will be published on the above Government website only.

Superintending Engineer (H),
Projects Circle, Chennai-16

DIPR/4111/Tender/2023

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No time to celebrate, yet

India becoming third-largest economy in 2027 means little to its citizens living in less than $10 a day

DIPAK MONDAL @ New Delhi

PRIME Minister Narendra Modi while addressing a crowd of who's who of the corporate, bureaucratic and political world in New Delhi made a promise that in his third term as Prime Minister, India will be the third-largest economy.

For India (with current GDP size of $3.38 trillion) to become the third-largest economy, it needs to go past Germany ($4 trillion) and Japan ($4.2 trillion). While India's nominal GDP in dollar terms has been growing at an average 6.3% over the past 10 years, Germany is growing at 1.43% while Japan's GDP has declined at 3.8% over the past decade.

"Keep in mind the two economies we need to surpass are in a shrinking phase with an aging population and weakening demand," says Debopam Chaudhary, chief economist, Piramal Enterprises.

Not a mean feat

Nonetheless India still has some catching up to do. "India should surpass both Japan & Germany in 2027 at the current rate of growth," says a report by Dr. Soumya Kanti Ghosh, Group Chief Economic Adviser, State Bank of India.

According to Ghosh, the path taken by India since 2014 reveals that India is likely to get the tag of the 3rd largest economy in 2027 (or FY28) based on actual GDP data as of March 2023. Not a mean feat indeed, given that India was placed at 10th rank in 2014.

Ghosh also points out that India could achieve the feat two years earlier than their previous forecast of 2029.

Gaura Sengupta, India economist, IDFC First Bank, also points out that in its course to becoming the 3rd largest economy in the world, India will also reverse the trend of its declining share in GDP in Emerging and Developing Asia.

"Based on IMF projections, India's share in Emerging and developing Asia GDP will rise to 14.2% by 2027 from 13.4% in 2022," she says. According to her, India's share has been declining since 2007, where India's share had reduced from 20% to a low of 12.8% in 2020.

Does size matter?

India becoming the third-largest economy is a big milestone for the country, but there's more to it than meets the eyes. Currently, India is the 5th largest economy and yet it is placed at 146th place in per capita GDP. China is placed 71st, Japan 35th, Germany 22nd and the US at 8th place.

The large size of the economy does not guarantee prosperity to a larger section of the population.

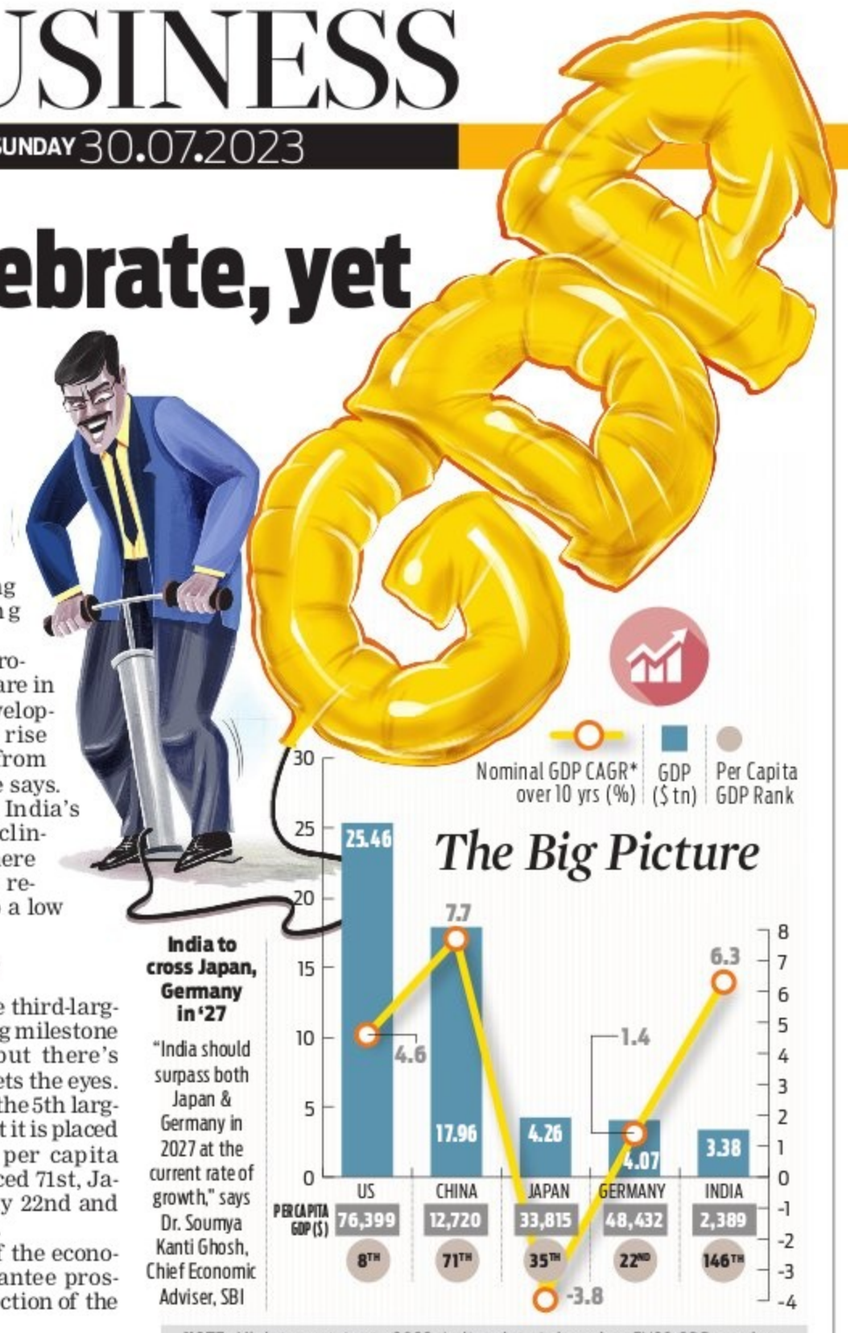
As per an IMF estimate, India's per capita GDP by 2027 will be around $3,500, and it will still be behind 130-odd countries on that count. Bangladesh, a much smaller economy, would still be ahead of India with $3,748 in per capita GDP. Not a pretty picture, and not much to boast about.

As per UNDP's Multidimensional Poverty Index, 231 million people were still facing multidimensional poverty in 2021. With over 20% of people aliving in poverty are Indian, there's a long way to go before we break into celebrations.

Of course, healthy GDP growth is synonymous with an increase in the general level of prosperity. The UNDP Multidimensional Poverty Index also showed that between 2005-06 and 2091-21, India managed to move 415 million people out of poverty. During this period, India's GDP in dollar terms has grown at a compounded annual growth rate of 8.7%.

According to Debopam Chaudhury of Piramal Enterprises, there are two sides of the economic coin -- Growth and development. "The latter is a culmination of equitable income distribution, basic infrastructure, urbanisation and stable livelihoods," he says adding that "in the path to become third largest, we will need a steady focus on the development aspect, which in turn will solidify India's growth as a sustained phenomenon in the years to come".

According to a report by the Economic Advisory Council of PM (EAC-PM), India needs to continue growing at 7-7.5% for the next 25 years to be able to reach $10,000 per capita income. In a way, India has no option but to ensure higher growth to be able to give its growing population a decent standard of living.



India to cross Japan, Germany in '27

"India should surpass both Japan & Germany in 2027 at the current rate of growth," says Dr. Soumya Kanti Ghosh, Chief Economic Adviser, SBI

NOTE: All data pertains to 2022; Indian data is based on FY23 GDP numbers

* COMPOUND ANNUAL GROWTH RATE Source: World Bank

NEWSCOPE

THUMS UP FOR 'TWITTER' BRAND, AS X.COM CONJURES UP PORN SITE

GURBIR SINGH

ELON Musk has had a bumpy ride rebranding the more-than-a-decade old 'Twitter' to the ethereal letter 'X'. Last Monday, workers erected a crane and began removing the giant letters 'Twitter' at the company's San Francisco headquarters. The problem was necessary permissions like blocking a busy street had not been taken. Result: the police department swooped down and stopped the work leaving the half-torn sineage with the letters 'er'!

Half a hemisphere away, in Indonesia, there was more trouble. The Islamic country ordered the site be blocked as it could be taken for a porn site. Indonesia has strict laws restricting pornography and gambling and it was not very happy with what the rebranded X.com conjures up.

Elon Musk and his team have been mulling Twitter's rebrand for some time. The object is, they say, to turn Twitter into a super app – something like China's WeChat – for hyper-connected people that can do "everything" from access to podcasts, to shopping and watching videos.

"The Twitter name made sense when it was just 140 character messages going back and forth –like birds tweeting – but now you can post almost anything, including several hours of video... and the ability to conduct your entire financial world," says an Elon Musk post. "The Twitter name does not make sense in that context, so we must bid adieu to the bird," Musk said.

Musk's obsession

For the billionaire Musk, the letter 'X' has been an obsession. But it could well be the undoing of the $44 billion property he acquired last year.

In his early business days, Elon Musk co-founded the online bank 'X.com' in 1999, then merged it with rival Confinity to rebrand the merged venture as PayPal. Musk tried to convince the company to christen PayPal as 'X-PayPal'. The idea was market-tested, but dropped after customers said it sounded like porn.

Even after, Musk did not give up on 'X' and used it liberally for a string of products including his space venture 'Space X' and Tesla's 'Model X'.

Apart from the owner's infatuation for the letter 'X', is there any reason why 'Twitter' should be rebranded? Twitter logs 450 million users on a monthly basis. As many as 52% of its users are Gen Z or 25 years or less. As a brand, it has high penetration; and though as not as large as Meta or Google, it has followers who are high networth, and are super active communicators.

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As a brand, it has evolved successfully – with many hiccups of course – over 17 years since 2006. For the celebrity, it is the fashionable go-to space. So what is wrong with Brand Twitter?

There seems to be no logical answer. Why should one rebrand something that is doing fine? Brands have a complex value that takes decades to build. Bloomberg estimates the change from the blue-bird logo to a black 'X', may cost Elon Musk anything between $4 and $20 billion in brand value.

Rebranding not easy

For most of the internet community Musk dismantling Twitter is a thumbs-down. Most likened X.com to a porn app. The 'Daily Beast' quoted one user saying it reminded him of "an app for a membership-only human trafficking gentlemen's club headquartered in Budapest." And despite all the efforts to kill Twitter, it is alive and kicking. The 'Tweet' button and 'Search Twitter' icons are still live, and the 'bird-related paraphernalia' persistsonline.

Rebranding is a difficult exercise. Companies rebrand when the old logo and image is faltering and pulling down sales. An example of successful branding in recent months has been US food giant Dunkin' Donuts. The company decided to put out a more modern face and drop 'Donuts'. The assumption was Dunkin' had become synonymous with Donuts and therefore the latter was superfluous. The gamble paid off. The takeaway: the company kept 'Dunkin' for its strong recall.

On the other hand, British Petroleum (BP) rebranding in 2000 to portray a 'green-friendly' company did not work. Replacing its 'BP' logo after 70 years with a green sun – the symbol of Helios, the Greek God of the Sun – was aimed at pitching an environment-friendly mission; but the branding did not match reality. BP was later involved in a an oil spillin the Gulf of Mexica, the worst the world has ever seen.

There are also numerous successful brands that are stupidly killed causing great loss to the company. A looming case at home in that of 'Vistara' – a brand the Tata Group has developed as a luxe airline with high standards of service. After 8 years, the company now wants to kill the brand by merging Vistara with Air India.

There is also the case of Coca Cola trying to boost Coke by killing 'Thums Up' after it acquired the brand from Ramesh Chouhan of the Parle Group in 1993. Ironically, the demand for the unique flavour was so strong, Thums Up refused to die; and it continued to beat Coke in sales. One hopes Twitter will follow the Thums Up trajectory.

IDFC FIRST Bank Q1 net profit up 61% at ₹765 cr

ENS ECONOMIC BUREAU @ New Delhi

IDFC FIRST Bank on Saturday reported a 61% year-on-year rise in net profit to ₹765 crore in the April-June quarter, mainly driven by strong growth in core operating income.

Net profit for the April-June quarter of 2022-23 was ₹474 crore. "Core operating profit (pre-provision operating profit excluding trading gains) grew strongly by 45% YoY from ₹987 crore in Q1FY23 to ₹1,427 crore for the quarter Q1FY24," the bank said in a statement. Net interest income (NII) grew 36% to ₹3,745 crore YoY in Q1. Its gross NPA improved to 2.17% as of June 30, 2023, from 3.36% as of end-June 2022. Net NPAs improved to 0.7% at end-June 2023 from 1.3% at June 30, 2022.

TCS makes major overhaul in senior management under new chief executive

ENS ECONOMIC BUREAU @ New Delhi

TATA CONSULTANCY SERVICES (TCS) has announced a major overhaul of its senior management on Saturday.

The company will now have business groups based on sectors and geographies under the new chief executive and managing director K Krithivasan. This is a departure from the structure followed by the company under former chief executive and managing director Rajesh Gopinathan. Under the former MD and CEO, the company had adopted a new structure where its clients were organised depending on their respective revenue size. This was said to have created a a lot of unease among top management of TCS leading to the unceremonious exit of Gopinathan earlier this year.

Under the changes announced on Saturday, Harrick Vin has been elevated to the post of chief technology officer and Abhinav Kumar has been made the interim head for marketing.

As per PTI, new MD and CEO Krithivasan, who took over from Gopinathan as the head of the largest the company on June 1, said meetings with staffers and clients over the past two months led to the decision.

"It has become increasingly evident that TCS could deliver the best value to our customers by synergising our domain and contextual knowledge across units," said PTI quoting a letter that Krithivasan wrote to the employees.

This is the fourth reorganisation in the company in the last few years. Gopinathan had effected two such moves, while his predecessor N Chandrasekaran had also introduced one during his stint.

EXPRESS READ

Sebi mulls simplifying clients onboarding norm

NEW DELHI: Capital markets regulator Sebi on Saturday said it is at an early stage of considering simplification of the process of onboarding clients by adoption of a risk-based approach. In addition, it said there is no proposal to curb retail participation in derivative markets. The statement came after a section of media reported that Sebi is seeking curbing retail participation in derivative markets. *PTI*

NCLAT to decide on NCLT order against CDGL

NEW DELHI: An appeal has been filed before the National Company Law Appellate Tribunal (NCLAT) challenging NCLT order to initiate insolvency proceedings against Coffee Day Global (CDGL), which owns and operates popular chain Cafe Coffee Day. Malavika Hegde, the suspended Director of CDGL, has approached the Chennai bench of NCLAT against the NCLT order to initiate Corporate Insolvency Resolution Process (CIRP) against Coffee Day Global. *PTI*

NTPC Q1 net profit rises 23% to ₹4,907 crore

ENS ECONOMIC BUREAU @ New Delhi

STATE-OWNED power company NTPC on Saturday reported over 23% increase in consolidated net profit at ₹4,907.13 crore for June quarter 2023-24.

The company's net profit was ₹3,977.77 crore in the year-ago period, NTPC said in a Bombay Stock Exchange filing.

The company's total revenue from operations slumped slightly to ₹43,390.02 crore from ₹43,560.72 crore in the same period a year ago.

"NTPC Group generated 103.98 billion units in Q1FY24 as compared to 104.42 billion units in Q1FY23. NTPC's standalone gross generation in Q1 FY24 is 88.55 billion units as compared to 90.49 Billion Units in the corresponding previous period," it said.

NTPC coal stations achieved a plant load factor (capacity utilisation) of 77.43% as compared to the national average of 70.38% during Q1FY24.

On a standalone basis, total income of NTPC in Q1FY24 was ₹39,681 crore as against ₹40,726 crore earlier.

Profit after tax (PAT) on standalone basis was ₹4,066 crore as against ₹3,717 crore in Q1 FY23, registering an increase of 9.39%, it stated.

Average power tariff of the company during the April-June quarter 2023 was ₹4.53 per unit, lower than ₹4.57 per unit in the same period a year ago.

TPC Group's installed power generation capacity stood at 73,024 MW as on June 30, 2023 compared to 69,114 MW a year ago.

Business & Beyond

Khazanchi Jewellers comes up with IPO

Chennai: Chennai based Khazanchi Jewellers is coming out with its initial public offer (IPO) of 69,10,000 equity shares of ₹10 each at a fixed price of ₹140 per share (including a premium of ₹130 per share), to raise ₹96.74 cr. Khazanchi has reserved 3,46,000 equity shares for the market maker. From the rest, it has allocated 50% for HNIs and 50% for retail investors. From the net proceeds of the IPO, it will utilize ₹8.62 cr for new showrooms, ₹20.00 cr for inventories of the new showroom, ₹55.00 cr. for working capital and ₹12.00 cr for general corporate purposes.

Jindal Steel & Power attains coveted Great Place to Work Certification™ in India

New Delhi: Jindal Steel & Power (JSP), a leading conglomerate in India and a global leader in steel, power, mining, and infrastructure, proudly announces its Great Place to Work Certification™ for the period from July 2023 to July 2024. The highly sought-after Certification, renowned worldwide, serves as a testament to JSP's unwavering commitment to fostering an exceptional workplace environment where every employee can thrive, contribute meaningfully, and feel nurtured and inspired.

LPG cylinder carrier vessel was ceremonially launched at GSL

LPG Cylinder Carrier Vessel being built for Port Shipping & Aviation, Administration Union Territory (UT) of Lakshadweep, second in a series of two vessels, was launched on July 14, 2023, at Goa Shipyard(GSL), Bindu Abraham, AGM performed the honors for launching the vessel in presence of Shri B K Upadhyay, CMD, GSL, Capt Jagmohan, Director (CPP&BD), Sunil Bagi, Director (Finance) & senior officials of GSL and dignitaries. GSL has signed a contract with Port Shipping & Aviation, Administration Union Territory (UT) of Lakshadweep for building two LPG cylinder carrier vessels. The vessel launch is intended to transport LPG cylinders or 60 tons of packed petroleum products from mainland to Lakshadweep. The vessel is capable to operate at speed of 11Knots with an endurance of 10 days and can carry a complement of 18 personnel onboard.

OPGC pays dividend to State & contributes to Chief Minister's Relief fund

Bhubaneswar, 20.07.2023: Odisha Power Generation Corporation Ltd. (OPGC), on Wednesday, handed over a cheque of Rs.103.37 Crore to the Chief Minister of Odisha for the year 2022-23. The Cheque was handed over by MD of OPGC Sri P K Mohapatra to the CMO, in presence of Hon'ble Minister of Energy, GoO Sri Pratap Keshari Deb.Development Commissioner Ms. Anu Garg, Addl. Chief Secretary, Energy Sri. Nikunja B Dhal., CMD of OPTCL Sri Sanjay Kumar Mishra & other senior officials of Energy Department were present on this occasion. On the same occasion, OPGC also contributed a sum of `2 crore to Chief Minister Relief Fund.

iQOO posts 82% YoY growth in Tamil Nadu

Chennai: iQOO, the high-performance smartphone brand, has become the fastest growing smartphone brand in the above INR 10K segment in Tamil Nadu. Tamil Nadu is among the top 5 states contributing to iQOO revenues in India. The state registered 82% YOY growth for the 12-month period ended June 2023. iQOO's top spot in a highly competitive segment underscores the brand's consistent commitment to innovation and to delivering industry-leading, power-packed devices across price points. It also underlines the increasing popularity of, and trust in, iQOO's innovative technology and customer-centric approach. This translates into highly anticipated products by both existing and newer customers across different segments.

ONLINE E-AUCTION SALE OF ASSET

KOTAK MAHINDRA BANK LIMITED

REGISTERED OFFICE: 27 BKC, C 27, G-BLOCK, BANDRA KURLA COMPLEX, BANDRA (E) MUMBAI, MAHARASHTRA, PIN CODE-400 051
BRANCH OFFICE: KOTAK HOUSE, 2ND FLOOR, NO 22, M G ROAD, BANGALORE- 560001

SALE NOTICE FOR SALE OF IMMOVABLE PROPERTIES

E-AUCTION SALE NOTICE FOR SALE OF IMMOVABLE ASSETS UNDER THE SECURITISATION AND RECONSTRUCTION OF FINANCIAL ASSETS AND ENFORCEMENT OF SECURITY INTEREST ACT, 2002 UNDER RULE 8(5) READ WITH PROVISO TO RULE 9 (1) OF THE SECURITY INTEREST (ENFORCEMENT) RULE, 2002.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN TO THE PUBLIC IN GENERAL AND IN PARTICULAR TO THE BORROWER (S) AND GUARANTOR (S) THAT THE BELOW DESCRIBED IMMOVABLE PROPERTY MORTGAGED/CHARGED TO THE SECURED CREDITOR, THE POSSESSION OF WHICH HAS BEEN TAKEN BY THE AUTHORISED OFFICER OF FULLERTON INDIA HOME FINANCE COMPANY LTD (HEREINAFTER REFERRED TO AS " **FIHFCL** "), PURSUANT TO THE ASSIGNMENT OF DEBT IN FAVOUR OF KOTAK MAHINDRA BANK LTD. BY " **FIHFCL** ", **THE PROPERTY IS BEING** SOLD ON "AS IS WHERE IS", "AS IS WHAT IS", AND "WHATEVER THERE IS" BASIS ON **25.8.2023** BETWEEN 12:00 PM TO 1:00 PM **WITH UNLIMITED EXTENSION OF 5 MINUTES,** FOR RECOVERY OF RS.**1,46,05,446**/-(RUPEES **ONE CRORE FORTY SIX LAKH FIVE THOUSAND FOUR HUNDRED FORTY SIX** ONLY) AS OF **24.7.2023** ALONG WITH FUTURE APPLICABLE INTEREST TILL REALIZATION. **UNDER THE LOAN ACCOUNT NO.**6010075100492638, DUE TO THE KOTAK MAHINDRA BANK LTD., SECURED CREDITOR **FROM MR. UMESH H, SUNITHA D, SHRI ALUMINIUM METAL COATINGS THROUGH ITS PROPRIETOR MR. UMESH H**, D SUNITHA & SHRI ALUMINIUM METAL COATINGS THROUGH ITS PROPRIETOR UMESHA. THE RESERVE PRICE WILL RS. 65,00,000/-(RUPEES SIXTY FIVE LAKH ONLY) AND THE EARNEST MONEY DEPOSIT WILL BE RS. 6,50,000/-(RUPEES SIX LAKH FIFTY THOUSAND ONLY) **&**LAST DATE FOR SUBMISSION OF EMD WITH KYC IS **24.8.2023** UP TO 6:00 P.M. (IST.)

PROPERTY DESCRIPTION: ALL THAT PIECE AND PARCEL OF PROPERTY BEARING SITE NO. 12, ASSESSMENT NO. 34/1 BBMP WARD NO. 72, MEASURING EAST TO WEST : 60 FEET AND NORTH TO SOUTH: 30 FEET IN ALL MEASURING 1800 SQ FT SITUATED AT HEROHALLI VILLAGE, YESHWANTHPUR HOBLI, BANGALORE NORTH TALUK, WITHIN THE REGISTRATION DISTRICT OF BANGAORE AND SUB REGISTRATION OFFICE AT NAGARABHAVI BOUNDARIES HEREUNDER :EAST BY : OTHERS PROPERTY ,WEST BY :- ROAD ,NORTH BY : SITE NO. 11 ,SOUTH BY :- SITE NO. 13

THE BORROWER'S ATTENTION IS INVITED TO THE PROVISIONS OF SUB SECTION 8 OF SECTION 13, OF THE ACT, IN RESPECT OF THE TIME AVAILABLE, TO REDEEM THE SECURED ASSET. PUBLIC IN GENERAL AND BORROWERS IN PARTICULAR PLEASE TAKE NOTICE THAT IF IN CASE AUCTION SCHEDULED HEREIN FAILS FOR ANY REASON WHATSOEVER THEN SECURED CREDITOR MAY ENFORCE SECURITY INTEREST BY WAY OF SALE THROUGH PRIVATE TREATY. IN CASE OF ANY CLARIFICATION/REQUIREMENT REGARDING ASSETS UNDER SALE, BIDDER MAY CONTACT **TO MR. VIJAY SUNDRIYAL(+91** 9517532720)**, MR. RAJENDER DAHIYA (+91 8448264515).**

FOR DETAILED TERMS AND CONDITIONS OF THE SALE, PLEASE REFER TO THE LINK HTTPS://WWW.KOTAK.COM/EN/BANK-AUCTIONS.HTML PROVIDED IN KOTAK MAHINDRA BANK WEBSITE I.E. WWW.KOTAK.COM AND/OR ON HTTPS://BANKEAUCTIONS.COM.

PLACE: Bangalore
DATE: 30-07-2023

AUTHORIZED OFFICER,
KOTAK MAHINDRA BANK LIMITED

SOUTHERN RAILWAY

Material Management Department, Electric Loco shed, Erode 638002

E –Tender Notice for the Supply of Stores 22/ELSD/ED/Purchase/Advt./13

The Following e-tender has been published in IREPS website. Firms are requested to login to **http://www.ireps.gov.in-Login-E Tender-Goods & Services (New)** and quote against the tender. Manual quotations will not be entertained.

Closing Time: 14:30 hours.

Tender No: 72235593

Description: 1)Supply, Installation and Commissioning of IGBT based 3-phase drive Propulsion Equipment. 2)COMPREHENSIVE ANNUAL MAINTENANCE CONTRACT (AMC).

Due date: 28-AUG-23, 14:30

Attention: Micro Small Enterprises (MSES). The benefits provided to MSES under public procurement policy for goods and services are as details provided in the link **http://www.ireps.gov.in-IREPS Public document-Southern Railway.**

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PUBLIC NOTICE

This is to the information of the public that my client **Sri. SUBRAHMANYA HEGDE,** S/o. Seetharama G. Hegde, No.19, Essgi Towers, 6th Main, Maruthi Extn., Bengaluru-560 021, entered into Agreement of Sale to purchase the schedule property from **Smt. VIJAYALAKSHMI,** W/o. Late N. Anantha Murthy and others.

If anyone is having any objection in this regard they are requested to file their objections to the undersigned within 7 days from this publication. Otherwise it is deemed that there is no objection from anyone for sale of the schedule property.

SCHEDULE PROPERTY

All that piece and parcel of residential immovable property bearing New Municipal No.57 (Old No.87), present BBMP PID No.8-7-57, situated at 1st Cross Road, Nagappa Block, Maruthi Extn., BBMP Ward No.8, Gayathri Nagara, Bengaluru City, measuring East to West 40 Ft. and North to South 46.33 Ft. (totally measuring 1853 Sq. Ft.) (together with old residential building thereon) and bounded on:-

East by - Conservancy. West by - Road. North by - Property belonging to Shanthilal. South by - M.K.K. Road.

K Rama Bhat
Advocate
No.19, First Floor, South End Road - Link Road, Sheshadripuram, Bengaluru-560 020. Mob : 94484 64983 E_mail : ramabhatadv@gmail.com

KERALA WATER AUTHORITY e-TENDER NOTICE

Tender No : E-Tender No 103/2023-24/SE/PHC/CHN

1) Jal Jeevan Mission (JJM)- WSS to Aikkaranadu, Mazhuvannoor & Kunnathunadu Panchayath - Construction of OHSR at Pattimattam 20 LL-General Civil Work EMD: Rs. 2,00,000/-; Tender fee: Rs. 13010; Last Date for submitting Tender: 14-08-2023, 03:00:pm. Phone : 0484-2360645

Website : www.kwa.kerala.gov.in, www.etenders.kerala.gov.in

Superintending Engineer
KWA-JB-GL-6-877-2023-24 PH Circle, Kochi

KERALA WATER AUTHORITY e-TENDER NOTICE

Tender No : T No.59 &60/2023-24/SE/Q

AMRUT 2.0 Augmentation of WSS to Kollam Corporation - Design and construction of OHSR at Mundakkal and KWA compound in Bishop Jerome Nagar, sump pump house, providing transmission main to mundakkal including road restoration works. EMD: Rs. 100000; Tender fee : Rs. 8270+1489; Last Date for submitting Tender : 08-08-2023, 02:00:pm. Phone : 04742745293

Website : www.kwa.kerala.gov.in, www.etenders.kerala.gov.in

Superintending Engineer
KWA-JB-GL-6-888-2023-24 PH Circle, Kollam

BHARAT COKING COAL LIMITED

'A Mini Ratna Company'
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NOTICE

All the tenders* issued by Bharat Coking Coal Limited (BCCL) for procurement of Goods, Works and Services are available on website of BCCL **www.bcclweb.in,** Coal India Limited (CIL) e-procurement portal **https://coalindiatenders.nic.in** and Central Public Procurement portal **https://eprocure.gov.in.** In addition, procurement is also done through GeM portal **https://gem.gov.in.**

*This is applicable to all Open (Domestic/Global) Tenders issued through e-procurement portal of CIL.

PUBLIC NOTICE

My Client REPCO BANK, Halasuru Branch, No. 46, 1st Floor, CMH Road, Indiranagar 2nd Stage, Bengaluru – 560 038 intends to break open the Locker bearing No. 21 standing in the name of **Smt. V. Gowri Shankari** on which the locker rent is due since 2019.

This Public Notice is subsequent to the final Reminder dated March 3, 2023 addressed to **Smt. V. Gowri Shankari**. Last Known residing address is No. 303, Sai Krupa Apartment, Pai Layout, 2nd Main, Old Madras Road, Bengaluru – 560 016.

If there is/are any claims or interest of any nature over the said Locker bearing No. 21, the interested person/s, firms, banks, creditors or any others of whatever nature must present their claims in writing along with supporting documents to the undersigned within **FIFTEEN DAYS** from the date of this Publication. If no claims or objections of any nature are received within the stipulated time, my client shall proceed with breaking open the said Locker bearing No. 21 presuming that there are no claims, and thereafter no claims of any nature of whatsoever will be entertained/considered.

Date : 29-07-2023
Place : Bengaluru

S.Shiva Prasad, Advocate
No.117/6, 2nd Floor, Old Madras Road, Halasuru
Bengaluru – 560 008, Mob:9964411658

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PUBLIC NOTICE OF E-AUCTION SALE (FOR IMMOVABLE PROPERTY)

(In terms of Securitisation and Reconstruction of Financial Assets & Enforcement of Security Interest (SARFAESI) Act 2002)

Whereas the Authorized Officer of the Bank has issued a Demand notice under Section 13(2) of SARFAESI ACT 2002 and thereafter in exercise of powers under Section 13(12) of SARFAESI ACT 2002 has taken possession of properties mortgaged to Bank under Section 13(4) of the SARFAESI ACT 2002. The undersigned in the capacity of Authorized Officer has decided for sale of the following properties to public by E-auction and invite bids from the intending purchasers for purchase of immovable properties mentioned hereunder on **"AS IS WHERE IS" & "AS IS WHAT IS"** basis.

Sl. No.	Name & Address of Borrower/Guarantor	a) Date of Demand Notice b) Date of Possession c) Present Outstanding dues.	a) Date & Time for Inspection of Propery b) Last date for submission of EMD c) Date & Time E-auction	a) Reserve Price b) EMD Amount c) Bid increase Amount
1	**Borrower: S Kiran Kumar and Savitha L** No.62/1 (Old No.62). PID No.133-W0145-59, Binny Layout, Hampinagar, RPC Layout, Vijayanagar, Bangalore - 560104. **Co-applicant: Mrs. Savitha L W/o Mr. S Kiran Kumar**	a) 28.10.2019 b) 10.02.2020 c) Rs. 1,43,48,592.98 plus unapplied interest and costs charges etc.	a) 17-08-2023Between 10.00 A.M. to 5.00 P.M. b) 18.08.2023 before 12.00 noon c) 18-08-2023 between 01.00 P.M. to 05.00 P.M.	a) Rs.1,90,50,000/- b) Rs.19,05,000/- c) Rs.25,000/-
	Details of Immovable Property: All that piece and parcel of the residential conversion site property approved from H.P.A bearing Plot No 30, Khatha No.1057 and Property No.150300401001201 40 in the layout (named and known as (NISARGA HI-TECH Phase I Layout) formed in the land converted for non agricultural residential use (vide official memorandum no ALN (H) SR 180/2007-08, dated 17th July 2008, issued by the Deputy Commissioner, Bangalore Rural District), in Sy No 157/3A, Situated at Kannurhalli Village, Kasaba Hobli, Hoskote Taluk, Bangalore Rural District measuring to an extant of East to West 15.15 m + 23.30m/2 and North to South 45.70 m + 47.30m/2 i.e., 893.95 square meters or 9622.6 square feet and bounded on: East by : Sy No 157/3A, West by : Sy No 159, North by : Road, South by : Private Property. **Property is in name of S Kiran Kumar**			
2	**Borrower: Mr. M Girish** S/o Mr. Munishamappa Sri Guruvaibhava Nilaya, KK Layout, Kannurahalli Main Road, M V Extension, Hosakote Town, Bangalore Rural – 562114 **Co-applicant: Mrs. Nagamma Y K, W/o Munishamappa**	a) 10.08.2020 b) 23.11.2020 c) Rs.58,45,784.85 plus unapplied interest and costs charges etc.	a) 17-08-2023Between 10.00 A.M. to 5.00 P.M. b) 18.08.2023 before 12.00 noon c) 18-08-2023 between 01.00 P.M. to 05.00 P.M.	a)Rs.25,04,000/- b)Rs.2,50,400/- c)Rs.25,000/-
	Description of Immovable Property: Schedule 'A' Property - All that piece and parcel of 30 apartments bearing No. **A001, A002, A003, A005, A006, A007, A008, A009, A010, A101, A102, A103, A105, A107, A108, A109, A110, A201, A202, A205, A206, A208, A209, A210, A301, A302, A305, A306, A309 and A310** out of 80 apartments, contained in the multistored building known as **"NISARGA CAPITAL APARTMENTS"**, Katha No.1117/148/3. Constructed In Converted Land Measuring 1 (one) Acre In Sy No.148/3 of Kannurahalli Village. Kasaba Hobli, Hosakote Taluk, Bangalore Rural District. Converted from Agriculture to Non-Agricultural residential use vide Official Memorandum bearing ALN(HK)CR, 42/2010-11 dated 14.07.2010 issued by the Deputy Commissioner, Bangalore rural District, Bangalore. **Schedule 'B' Property -** Flat bearing **No A 006,** Khata No 1117/148/3, E Khata No 150300401000120655, 'A' Wing in Ground Floor, measuring 1110 Sq Ft Super built-up area containing two bedroom together with RCC roofing, vitrified flooring, once common toilet and one attached toilet, one hall, one kitchen, together with one covered car parking space 563.05 Sq Ft undivided interest in the immovable property mentioned in Schedule 'A' above including proportionate share in common areas such as passages, lobbies, staircase, contained in the multistoried building constructed on the Schedule 'A; property known as 'NISARGA CAPITALAPARTMENTS'. East by : Nisarga Capital Block B Apartment, West by : 2 MTR Wide Corridors, North by : Remaining Land in Sy No 148/3, South by : Flat bearing noA007. **Property is in name of Mr. M Girish**			
3	**Borrower: Mr. Hariprasad C M** S/o MC Mallikarjunaiah, No 3339, 2nd Floor, 3rd Cross, 6th Main, RPC Layout, Bangalore - 560040 **Co-applicant: Mrs. Nishitha K L W/o Mr. Hariprasad C M**	a) 16.11.2021 b) 17.03.2022 c) Rs.46,77,649.58 plus unapplied interest and costs charges etc.	a) 17-08-2023Between 10.00 A.M. to 5.00 P.M. b) 18.08.2023 before 12.00 noon c) 18-08-2023 between 01.00 P.M. to 05.00 P.M.	a)Rs.27,20,000/- b) Rs.2,72,000/- c) Rs.25,000/-
	Description of Immovable Property: Schedule 'A' Property - All that piece and parcel of 30 apartments bearing No. **A001, A002, A003, A005, A006, A007, A008, A009, A010, A101, A102, A103, A105, A107, A108, A109, A110, A201, A202, A205, A206, A208, A209, A210, A301, A302, A305, A306, A309 and A310** out of 80 apartments, contained in the multistored building known as **"NISARGA CAPITAL APARTMENTS"**, Katha No.1117/148/3. Constructed In Converted Land Measuring 1 (one) Acre In Sy No.148/3 of Kannurahalli Village. Kasaba Hobli, Hosakote Taluk, Bangalore Rural District. Converted from Agriculture to Non-Agricultural residential use vide Official Memorandum bearing ALN(HK)CR, 42/2010-11 dated 14.07.2010 issued by the Deputy Commissioner, Bangalore rural District, Bangalore. **Schedule 'B' Property -** Flat bearing **No A 110,** Khata No 1117/148/3, E Khata No 150300401000120670, 'A' Wing in First Floor, measuring 1143 Sq Ft Super built-up area containing two bedroom together with RCC roofing, vitrified flooring, once common toilet and one attached toilet, one hall, one kitchen, together with one covered car parking space 579.79 Sq Ft undivided interest in the immovable property mentioned in Schedule 'A' above including proportionate share in common areas such as passages, lobbies, staircase, contained in the multistoried building constructed on the Schedule 'A; property known as 'NISARGACAPITALAPARTMENTS'. East by : 2 MtrWide Corridors, North by : Flat bearing no A109, South by : Road and Brook. **Property is in name of Mr. Hariprasad C M**			
4	**Borrower: Mr. Kirthy Nidhy Azaad** S/o Mr. U G Thipperundrappa, No 2/1, 8th Cross, Kempaiah Layout, Cholanayakanahalli, Hebbal, Bangalore - 560032 **Co-applicant: Mrs. S Nayana W/o Mr. Kirthy Nidhy Azaad**	a) 17.04.2021 b) 24.09.2021 c) Rs.47,03,207.62 plus unapplied interest and costs charges etc.	a) 17-08-2023Between 10.00 A.M. to 5.00 P.M. b) 18.08.2023 before 12.00 noon c) 18-08-2023 between 01.00 P.M. to 05.00 P.M.	a)Rs.29,32,000/- b) Rs.2,93,200/- c) Rs.25,000/-
	Description of Immovable Property: Schedule 'A' Property - All that piece and parcel of 30 apartments bearing No. **A001, A002, A003, A005, A006, A007, A008, A009, A010, A101, A102, A103, A105, A107, A108, A109, A110, A201, A202, A205, A206, A208, A209, A210, A301, A302, A305, A306, A309 and A310** out of 80 apartments, contained in the multistored building known as **"NISARGA CAPITAL APARTMENTS"**, Katha No.1117/148/3. Constructed In Converted Land Measuring 1 (one) Acre In Sy No.148/3 of Kannurahalli Village. Kasaba Hobli, Hosakote Taluk, Bangalore Rural District. Converted from Agriculture to Non-Agricultural residential use vide Official Memorandum bearing ALN(HK)CR, 42/2010-11 dated 14.07.2010 issued by the Deputy Commissioner, Bangalore rural District, Bangalore. **Schedule 'B' Property -** Flat bearing **No A 101,** Khata No 1117/148/3, E Khata No 150300401000120662, 'A' Wing in First Floor, measuring 1223 Sq Ft Super built-up area containing two bedroom together with RCC roofing, vitrified flooring, once common toilet and one attached toilet, one hall, one kitchen, together with one covered car parking space 620.37 Sq Ft undivided interest in the immovable property mentioned in Schedule 'A' above including proportionate share in common areas such as passages, lobbies, staircase, contained in the multistoried building constructed on the Schedule 'A; property known as 'NISARGACAPITALAPARTMENTS'. East by : 2 MTR Wide Corridors, West by : Sy No 149 and Sy No 150, North by : Flat bearing no A102, South by : Road. **Property is in name of Mr. Kirthy Midhy Azaad**			
5	**Borrower: 1. Mr. Nagesh R N,** S/o Mr. Naganna R T, No.129 6th Cross, Bapuji Layout, Subbanna GP, Chandra Layout, Vijayanagar, Bangalore 560040 **2. Mr. Satish R N,** S/o Mr. Naganna R T No. 6, 4th corss, Ganesha Temple road, Cholurupalya, Magadi Road, Bangalore 560023 **Guarantors Mrs. Yamuna V, W/o- Nagesh R N**	a) 10.08.2020 b) 23.11.2020 c) Rs.43,18,435.44 plus unapplied interest and costs charges etc.	a) 17-08-2023Between 10.00 A.M. to 5.00 P.M. b) 18.08.2023 before 12.00 noon c) 18-08-2023 between 01.00 P.M. to 05.00 P.M.	a) Rs.23,12,000/- b) Rs.2,31,200/- c) Rs.25,000/-
	Description of Immovable Property: Schedule 'A' Property - All that piece and parcel of 30 apartments bearing No. **A001, A002, A003, A005, A006, A007, A008, A009, A010, A101, A102, A103, A105, A107, A108, A109, A110, A201, A202, A205, A206, A208, A209, A210, A301, A302, A305, A306, A309 and A310** out of 80 apartments, contained in the multistored building known as **"NISARGA CAPITAL APARTMENTS"**, Katha No.1117/148/3. Constructed In Converted Land Measuring 1 (one) Acre In Sy No.148/3 of Kannurahalli Village. Kasaba Hobli, Hosakote Taluk, Bangalore Rural District. Converted from Agriculture to Non-Agricultural residential use vide Official Memorandum bearing ALN(HK)CR, 42/2010-11 dated 14.07.2010 issued by the Deputy Commissioner, Bangalore rural District, Bangalore. **Schedule 'B' Property -** Flat bearing **No A 107,** Khata No 1117/148/3, E Khata No 150300401000120666, 'A' Wing in First Floor, measuring 1020 Sq Ft Super built-up area containing two bedroom together with RCC roofing, vitrified flooring, once common toilet and one attached toilet, one hall, one kitchen, together with one covered car parking space 517.40 Sq Ft undivided interest in the immovable property mentioned in Schedule 'A' above including proportionate share in common areas such as passages, lobbies, staircase, contained in the multistoried building constructed on the Schedule 'A; property known as 'NISARGACAPITALAPARTMENTS'. East by : Nisarga Capital Block 'B' Apartment, West by : 2 MTR Wide Corridors, North by : Flat bearing no A108, South by : 2 MTR Wide Corridors. Property is in name of **Mr. Nagesh R N**			
6	**Borrower: Mr. Nandeesh T G Alias Mr. Nandeeshaiah T G** S/o Gubbanna No. 6, MIG, 1st Floor, MIG, 2nd Stage, KHB Colony, Basveshwaranagar, Banglore-560079 **Co-applicant: Mrs. Ramya M E W/o Mr. Nandeesh T G**	a) 28.10.2019 b) 17.03.2022 c) Rs.53,17,882.20 plus unapplied interest and costs charges etc.	a) 17-08-2023Between 10.00 A.M. to 5.00 P.M. b) 18.08.2023 before 12.00 noon c) 18-08-2023 between 01.00 P.M. to 05.00 P.M.	a) Rs.24,32,000/- b) Rs.2,43,200/- c) Rs.25,000/-
	Description of Immovable Property: Schedule 'A' Property - All that piece and parcel of 30 apartments bearing No. **A001, A002, A003, A005, A006, A007, A008, A009, A010, A101, A102, A103, A105, A107, A108, A109, A110, A201, A202, A205, A206, A208, A209, A210, A301, A302, A305, A306, A309 and A310** out of 80 apartments, contained in the multistored building known as **"NISARGA CAPITAL APARTMENTS"**, Katha No.1117/148/3. Constructed In Converted Land Measuring 1 (one) Acre In Sy No.148/3 of Kannurahalli Village. Kasaba Hobli, Hosakote Taluk, Bangalore Rural District. Converted from Agriculture to Non-Agricultural residential use vide Official Memorandum bearing ALN(HK)CR, 42/2010-11 dated 14.07.2010 issued by the Deputy Commissioner, Bangalore rural District, Bangalore. **Schedule 'B' Property -** Flat bearing **No A 202,** Khata No 1117/148/3, E Khata No 150300401000120672, 'A' Wing in Second Floor, measuring 1077 Sq Ft Super built-up area containing two bedroom together with RCC roofing, vitrified flooring, once common toilet and one attached toilet, one hall, one kitchen, together with one covered car parking space 546.30 Sq Ft undivided interest in the immovable property mentioned in Schedule 'A' above including proportionate share in common areas such as passages, lobbies, staircase, contained in the multistoried building constructed on the Schedule 'A; property known as 'NISARGACAPITALAPARTMENTS'. East by : 2 MTR Wide Corridors, West by : Sy No 149 and Sy No 150, North by : Staircase and Flat bearing NoA203, South by : Flat bearing noA201. **Property is in name of Mr. Nandeesh T G Alias Mr. Nandeeshaiah T G**			
7	**Borrower: Mr. Shashidhar G Bhat** **S/o Mr. Ganapati Bhat** No. 2, 1st Floor, 1st B Cross, ISEC Main Road, Nagarbhavi, Bangalore 560072 **Co-applicant :Mrs. Archana Bhat W//o Mr. Shashidhar G Bhat**	a) 10.08.2020 b) 23.11.2020 c) Rs.37,14,246.28 plus unapplied interest and costs charges etc.	a) 17-08-2023Between 10.00 A.M. to 5.00 P.M. b) 18.08.2023 before 12.00 noon c) 18-08-2023 between 01.00 P.M. to 05.00 P.M.	a) Rs.19,20,000/- b) Rs.1,92,000/- c) Rs.25,000/-
	Description of Immovable Property: Schedule 'A' Property - All that piece and parcel of 30 apartments bearing No. **A001, A002, A003, A005, A006, A007, A008, A009, A010, A101, A102, A103, A105, A107, A108, A109, A110, A201, A202, A205, A206, A208, A209, A210, A301, A302, A305, A306, A309 and A310** out of 80 apartments, contained in the multistored building known as **"NISARGA CAPITAL APARTMENTS"**, Katha No.1117/148/3. Constructed In Converted Land Measuring 1 (one) Acre In Sy No.148/3 of Kannurahalli Village. Kasaba Hobli, Hosakote Taluk, Bangalore Rural District. Converted from Agriculture to Non-Agricultural residential use vide Official Memorandum bearing ALN(HK)CR, 42/2010-11 dated 14.07.2010 issued by the Deputy Commissioner, Bangalore rural District, Bangalore. **Schedule 'B' Property -** Flat bearing **No A 103,** Khata No 1117/148/3, E Khata No 150300401000120664, 'A' Wing in First Floor, measuring 836 Sq Ft Super built-up area containing two bedroom together with RCC roofing, vitrified flooring, once common toilet and one attached toilet, one hall, one kitchen, together with one covered car parking space 424.06 Sq Ft undivided interest in the immovable property mentioned in Schedule 'A' above including proportionate share in common areas such as passages, lobbies, staircase, contained in the multistoried building constructed on the Schedule 'A; property known as 'NISARGACAPITALAPARTMENTS'. East by : 2 MTR Wide Corridors, West by : Sy No 149 and Sy No 150, North by : Flat bearing NoA104, South by : Staircase and Flat bearing NoA102. **Property is in name of Mr. Shashidhar G Bhat**			
8	**Borrower: Mr. Shivakumar L** S/o Mr. Lingaraju L No. 1, S-4, 8TH Cross, Vrushabavathi Nagar, Kamakshipalya, Bangalore 560079 **Co-applicant: Mrs. Vijaya N, W/o- Mr. Shivakumar L.**	a) 10.08.2020 b) 23.11.2020 c) Rs.47,86,953.91 plus unapplied interest and costs charges etc.	a) 17-08-2023Between 10.00 A.M. to 5.00 P.M. b) 18.08.2023 before 12.00 noon c) 18-08-2023 between 01.00 P.M. to 05.00 P.M.	a) Rs.24,08,000/- b) Rs.2,40,800/- c) Rs.25,000/-
	Description of Immovable Property: Schedule 'A' Property - All that piece and parcel of 30 apartments bearing No. **A001, A002, A003, A005, A006, A007, A008, A009, A010, A101, A102, A103, A105, A107, A108, A109, A110, A201, A202, A205, A206, A208, A209, A210, A301, A302, A305, A306, A309 and A310** out of 80 apartments, contained in the multistored building known as **"NISARGA CAPITAL APARTMENTS"**, Katha No.1117/148/3. Constructed In Converted Land Measuring 1 (one) Acre In Sy No.148/3 of Kannurahalli Village. Kasaba Hobli, Hosakote Taluk, Bangalore Rural District. Converted from Agriculture to Non-Agricultural residential use vide Official Memorandum bearing ALN(HK)CR, 42/2010-11 dated 14.07.2010 issued by the Deputy Commissioner, Bangalore rural District, Bangalore. **Schedule 'B' Property -** Flat bearing **No A 309,** Khata No 1117/148/3, E Khata No 150300401000120682, 'A' Wing in Third Floor, measuring 1065 Sq Ft Super built-up area containing two bedroom together with RCC roofing, vitrified flooring, once common toilet and one attached toilet, one hall, one kitchen, together with one covered car parking space 540.22 Sq Ft undivided interest in the immovable property mentioned in Schedule 'A' above including proportionate share in common areas such as passages, lobbies, staircase, contained in the multistoried building constructed on the Schedule 'A; property known as 'NISARGACAPITALAPARTMENTS'. East by : Nisarga Capital Block 'B' Apartment, West by : 2 MTR Wide Corridors, North by : 2 MTR Wide Corridors, South by : Flat bearing noA310. **Property is in name of Mr. Shivakumar L**			
9	**Borrower: Mr. Shivakumar L** S/o Mr. Lingaraju L No. 1, S-4, 8TH Cross, Vrushabavathi Nagar, Kamakshipalya, Bangalore 560079 **Co-applicant: Mrs. Vijaya N, W/o- Shivakumar L.**	a) 10.08.2020 b) 23.11.2020 c) Rs.47,88,103.20 plus unapplied interest and costs charges etc.	a) 17-08-2023Between 10.00 A.M. to 5.00 P.M. b) 18.08.2023 before 12.00 noon c) 18-08-2023 between 01.00 P.M. to 05.00 P.M.	a) Rs.24,32,000/- b) Rs.2,43,200/- c) Rs.25,000/-
	Description of Immovable Property: Schedule 'A' Property - All that piece and parcel of 30 apartments bearing No. **A001, A002, A003, A005, A006, A007, A008, A009, A010, A101, A102, A103, A105, A107, A108, A109, A110, A201, A202, A205, A206, A208, A209, A210, A301, A302, A305, A306, A309 and A310** out of 80 apartments, contained in the multistored building known as **"NISARGA CAPITAL APARTMENTS"**, Katha No.1117/148/3. Constructed In Converted Land Measuring 1 (one) Acre In Sy No.148/3 of Kannurahalli Village. Kasaba Hobli, Hosakote Taluk, Bangalore Rural District. Converted from Agriculture to Non-Agricultural residential use vide Official Memorandum bearing ALN(HK)CR, 42/2010-11 dated 14.07.2010 issued by the Deputy Commissioner, Bangalore rural District, Bangalore. **Schedule 'B' Property -** Flat bearing **No A 302,** Khata No 1117/148/3, E Khata No 150300401000120679, 'A' Wing in Third Floor, measuring 1077 Sq Ft Super built-up area containing two bedroom together with RCC roofing, vitrified flooring, once common toilet and one attached toilet, one hall, one kitchen, together with one covered car parking space 546.30 Sq Ft undivided interest in the immovable property mentioned in Schedule 'A' above including proportionate share in common areas such as passages, lobbies, staircase, contained in the multistoried building constructed on the Schedule 'A; property known as 'NISARGA CAPITALAPARTMENTS'. East by : 2 MTR Wide Corridors, West by : Sy No 149 and Sy No 150, North by : Staircase and Flat bearing NoA303, South by : Flat bearing noA301. **Property is in name of Mr. Shivakumar L**			
10	**Borrower: Mr. Shivakumar L** S/o Mr. Lingappa D No. 7 & 8, 22nd B Cross, Malagala Main Road, 2nd Stage, Nagarbhavi, Bangalore 560072 **Co-applicant: Mrs. Yashodha B M, W/o Shivakumar L**	a) 10.08.2020 b) 23.11.2020 c) Rs.50,41,182.87 plus unapplied interest and costs charges etc.	a) 17-08-2023Between 10.00 A.M. to 5.00 P.M. b) 18.08.2023 before 12.00 noon c) 18-08-2023 between 01.00 P.M. to 05.00 P.M.	a) Rs.25,04,000/- b) Rs.2,50,400/- c) Rs.25,000/-
	Description of Immovable Property: Schedule 'A' Property - All that piece and parcel of 30 apartments bearing No. **A001, A002, A003, A005, A006, A007, A008, A009, A010, A101, A102, A103, A105, A107, A108, A109, A110, A201, A202, A205, A206, A208, A209, A210, A301, A302, A305, A306, A309 and A310** out of 80 apartments, contained in the multistored building known as **"NISARGA CAPITAL APARTMENTS"**, Katha No.1117/148/3. Constructed In Converted Land Measuring 1 (one) Acre In Sy No.148/3 of Kannurahalli Village. Kasaba Hobli, Hosakote Taluk, Bangalore Rural District. Converted from Agriculture to Non-Agricultural residential use vide Official Memorandum bearing ALN(HK)CR, 42/2010-11 dated 14.07.2010 issued by the Deputy Commissioner, Bangalore rural District, Bangalore. **Schedule 'B' Property -** Flat bearing **No A 306,** Khata No 1117/148/3, E Khata No 150300401000120681, 'A' Wing in Third Floor, measuring 1110 Sq Ft Super built-up area containing two bedroom together with RCC roofing, vitrified flooring, once common toilet and one attached toilet, one hall, one kitchen, together with one covered car parking space 563.05 Sq Ft undivided interest in the immovable property mentioned in Schedule 'A' above including proportionate share in common areas such as passages, lobbies, staircase, contained in the multistoried building constructed on the Schedule 'A; property known as 'NISARGACAPITALAPARTMENTS'. East by : Nisarga Capital Block 'B' Apartment, West by : 2 MTR Wide Corridors, North by : Remaining land in Sy No 148/3, South by : Flat bearing No. A307. **Property is in name of Mr. Shivakumar L**			
11	**Borrower: Mr. S. Srinivasa Murthy,** S/o H Yerrappa #1031, 2nd Floor, Krest Park Apartments, Near Krishna Rao Park, Basavanagudi Bangalore - 560004 **Co-applicant: Mrs. Lalitha S W/o Mr. S. Srinivasa Murthy**	a) 23.08.2017 b) 25.06.2018 c) Rs.52,73,923.18 plus unapplied interest and costs charges etc.	a) 17-08-2023Between 10.00 A.M. to 5.00 P.M. b) 18.08.2023 before 12.00 noon c) 18-08-2023 between 01.00 P.M. to 05.00 P.M.	a) Rs.26,88,000/- b) Rs.2,68,800/- c) Rs.25,000/-
	Description of Immovable Property: Schedule 'A' Property - All that piece and parcel of 30 apartments bearing No. **A001, A002, A003, A005, A006, A007, A008, A009, A010, A101, A102, A103, A105, A107, A108, A109, A110, A201, A202, A205, A206, A208, A209, A210, A301, A302, A305, A306, A309 and A310** out of 80 apartments, contained in the multistored building known as **"NISARGA CAPITAL APARTMENTS"**, Katha No.1117/148/3. Constructed In Converted Land Measuring 1 (one) Acre In Sy No.148/3 of Kannurahalli Village. Kasaba Hobli, Hosakote Taluk, Bangalore Rural District. Converted from Agriculture to Non-Agricultural residential use vide Official Memorandum bearing ALN(HK)CR, 42/2010-11 dated 14.07.2010 issued by the Deputy Commissioner, Bangalore rural District, Bangalore. **Schedule 'B' Property -** Flat bearing **No A 010,** Khata No 1117/148/3, E Khata No 150300401000120661, 'A' Wing in Ground Floor, measuring 1143 Sq Ft Super built-up area containing two bedroom together with RCC roofing, vitrified flooring, once common toilet and one attached toilet, one hall, one kitchen, together with one covered car parking space 579.79 Sq Ft undivided interest in the immovable property mentioned in Schedule 'A' above including proportionate share in common areas such as passages, lobbies, staircase, contained in the multistoried building constructed on the Schedule 'A; property known as 'NISARGACAPITALAPARTMENTS'. East by : Nisarga Captial Block 'B' Apartment, West by : 2 Mtrwide corridors, North by : Flat bearing noA009, South by : Road and Block. **Property is in name of Mr. S. Srinivasa Murthy**			
12	**Borrower: Mr. Subrath Kumar Behura,** S/o Mr. Baburam Behura, No.1, Dayananda Building, Karnataka Layout, Kannurahalli Main Road, Hosakote, Bangalore – 562114 **Co-applicant: Mrs. Sandhya Rani Behera, W/o Mr. Subrath Kumar Behura**	a) 10.08.2020 b) 23.11.2020 c) Rs.34,43,810.54 plus unapplied interest and costs charges etc.	a) 17-08-2023Between 10.00 A.M. to 5.00 P.M. b) 18.08.2023 before 12.00 noon c) 18-08-2023 between 01.00 P.

Lakshya loses to Christie in semifinals

Lakshya Sen fought hard before going down in three games against fifth seed Jonatan Christie of Indonesia in the semifinals of the Japan Open Super 750 badminton tournament on Saturday. A 2021 world championship bronze medallist, world number 13 Lakshya lost 15-21 21-13 16-21 to world No.9 Christie in a thrilling men's singles semifinal.

After in-principle nod, govt clears CW Youth Games team at no cost

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WITH less than a week left and after team selections for the Commonwealth Youth Games are over, it is understood that the government has refused to fund the teams. This, if Indian Olympic Association (IOA) officials are to be believed, is after the government had agreed in-principle to send the team. What seems interesting is that this comes within days of clearing teams that did not meet sports ministry criteria for Asian Games.

The teams were selected for four disciplines (aquatics, athletics, cycling and triathlon) and were supposed to leave for Trinidad and Tobago on August 1. The Games are to be held between August 4 and 11. The IOA is caught by surprise by the sports ministry's letter and IOA president PT Usha has sent a reply to the sports ministry, requesting them to reconsider its decision. According to IOA, the sports ministry in April had given in-principle approval to the participation of India athletes at the Commonwealth Youth Games. The April letter said that financial assistance will be provided as per ministry's rules. The IOA had named a 35-member team that included 24 athletes and 11 officials in four disciplines. The sports ministry, through a letter dated July 28 and addressed to the CEO-cum-joint secretary, conveyed its decision to approve the tour but without funding.

The IOA, in the reply, said that it would affect the morale of the young players and might deprive them of an essential growth opportunity. The budget too was not too much. It is understood that the IOA had quoted around ₹2.5 crore for the entire trip with majority of the fund to be utilised in ticketing. Since they are going to Trinidad and Tobago, they are planning to take flights via Amsterdam and Mexico. Some of the payment including subsidised accommodation had already been settled and even ceremonial and other kitting too had been done. Since part payment has already been done, cancellation could lead to hefty charges. Each discipline has equal representation for men and women. In aquatics, there are six swimmers (3 male and 3 female; two officials), eight in athletics (four male and four female; two officials), six in cycling (three male and three female; three officials) and four in triathlon (two male and two female; two officials). The Commonwealth Games Association has two representatives. The IOA felt this could be a setback for Indian sports. India had hosted Commonwealth Youth Games in Pune in 2008 and had been participating at those Games. The Games are being held after a gap of almost six years. The IOA, though, would not allow the athletes to suffer. It is understood that the teams' expenditure will be borne by them. Earlier too there have been occasions when IOA had funded such competitions.

MADRAS MOMENTS

As Chennai gets ready to host the Asian Champions Trophy, *Swaroop Swaminathan* takes a deep dive into the early 2000s when the city held a prominent place in Indian hockey, the rise and fall of the sport and more...

Sunday Special

THE Chennai of 2007 and today isn't too different. The Dravida Munnetra Kazhagam (DMK) was the ruling party. Actor Vijay was already one of the most bankable of filmstars and proved it with *Pokkiri*. A highly-anticipated Rajinikanth movie (*Sivaji*) was the talk of the town as is the case now. A team from Chennai won a T20 tournament (Chennai Superstars clinched the inaugural but the now defunct Indian Cricket League).

It was different, though, in one way. At some level, the place was running Indian hockey. Even if the state had stopped contributing to the roster in terms of players, thanks to the presence of a few influential administrators — none more so than K Jothikumaran — an international tournament in India usually meant the city was the destination. Chennai had already hosted India's first Champions Trophy in 1996.

Nine years later, the city joined Karachi, Amstelveen, Lahore and Berlin to host the event twice. In 2007, the Mayor Radhakrishnan Stadium, a venue that scores high on vibes but isn't the concrete bowl that most modern stadia are, got a fresh coat of paint ahead of the Asia Cup. Four months later, Belgium came to Chennai for a 5-match series. Sandwiched between the two Champions Trophies were Test matches with Pakistan, Germany and Poland. It's perhaps fair to say Chennai was the OG Bhubaneswar in terms of hosting international hockey matches.

Yet, a few months after that Pongal series against Belgium in 2008, the music died. The sport, available on tap for so long, was turned off. Jothikumaran, who had by then used his contacts book to get the World Cup to New Delhi, was sacked following a sting operation by a news channel. That, though, was just a Monday for the Indian Hockey Federation (IHF) who were seemingly on their last legs. One month before the sacking, the men's team failed to qualify for the Olympics for the first time ever. A black swan event.

As the city gets set to host its first international hockey assignment in fifteen-and-a-half-years, it's still insane when you think about the kind of place the sport was in back then.

Every other week, there was a sad news story. One player caught an accidental bullet on the morning he was travelling to reach New Delhi airport to leave for the 2006 World Cup in Germany. Another player suffered a career-ending accident three weeks before an Asia Cup in Malaysia in 2003. Then IHF president, KPS Gill, compared match fees to players as 'bribery' to a magazine. A coach's pre-match plan was 'zor se khelo (play with passion)'. Even the 'p' in professionalism was missing. However, there was time for the IHF to send its players to a boot camp at a Centre usually reserved for soldiers preparing for battle on the frontlines. It was bonkers. Batshit. Crazy. Tumultuous.

Madras — Chennai — had a ringside view. It began earnestly in the early 90s when the state association conducted the 1992 edition of the national championships in Madurai. It doubled up as selection trials for the Olympics in Barcelona. Tamil Nadu had some players part of history (VJ Philips was a 1975 WC winner and a former captain of the national team while V Baskaran was captain the last time the side tasted Olympic gold (Moscow) before he became a coach) but it's fair to say that it still became the accidental centre. You can perhaps draw a straight line from the time Indian Olympic Association (IOA) included hockey as a sport for the 1995 South Asian Games (it hadn't featured in previous editions) to the city hosting a multitude of international Tests/events post that.

The rebuilt Mayor Radhakrishnan Stadium (originally known as the Corporation Stadium before the SAF Games) in 1995 was state-of-the-art. Jothikumaran, who had been general secretary of the IHF for a few years then, sensed an opportunity. The Champions Trophy came to Chennai, less than six months after the city had been rechristened.

It also sort of helped that the Stadium kept pulling in big crowds. Even though the culture of sports tourism was almost non-existent in the late 90s, it didn't matter. "If you take places like Vepery, Thousand Lights, Royapettah, Triplicane even... all of these places had a very strong hockey culture," says Baskaran. "A lot of state players came from places 4-5kms from the Stadium. So, Chennai's hockey community had, by chance or design, grew next to the Stadium. It was natural for them and their friends and family members to fill the stands."

For the next 13 years, till the last series against Belgium, it never had problems in pulling in the spectators. Viren Rasquinha, who played in the 2005 Champions Trophy, picks up the story. "India didn't fare well," he says. 'But there was just so much pride in playing in that event at home. Anyway, I have to say that I have always loved playing at Chennai. The crowd is just so passionate. They love their hockey and know the sport well. In my book, it's one of the most exciting places to play the sport." There is a label — perhaps self-anointed — about the city's sports-watching public. #KnowledgeableChennaiCrowd. It's not hard to understand where it comes from.

Rasquinha was right. India didn't fare well. They finished fifth, scored six goals, conceded 11 times and won one (against Pakistan). One could argue the decline had well and truly set in, the rot underway. They were no longer capable of challenging the elite (10th at the 2002 World Cup and 7th at the 2004 Olympics) but they were still relevant, hosting a blue-riband invitational six-nations event (not dissimilar to a period in the last 10 years). Both journalist Sharda Ugra, who covered the team in the noughties, and Baskaran, who was involved as a coach that time, echoed the same reason. "Everybody knew it was because of Jothikumaran," Ugra says. "It was down to Jothi," Baskaran says. "He had readymade facilities here. He was able to impress people." While he was able to impress the suits, the team didn't have a lot of fans. "Pretty much everyday was a bad news story," Ugra remembers. "It was just a bad news sport... scenes of constant bickering, moaning, nobody calling out the bad governance."

All of the people who spoke to the daily agreed on one thing — bad governance. Including Jothikumaran himself when he spoke about Ric Charlesworth time with the Indian team in 2007-08. "I don't want to blame anybody," he says. "He wasn't given free reign, he wasn't used properly. He wasn't taken into full confidence, that's my personal view."

On the sting operation that led to his sacking (a news channel showed him accepting bribes for selection of players into the team), he calls it 'sabotage'. "It was sabotage, a stage-managed sting operation. We were there for 14-15 years, what was the allegation in selection of players?" However, he readily accepts that his presence helped Chennai get a lot of assignments.

Coming back to the bad governance, how did the likes of Rasquinha focus on the job on the field? "As a player, there's enough to be stressed out already," he says. "Form, fitness, how the team is doing, how can we get better... now, if some people are doing certain wrong things outside the field... I have always tried to do what's within my control. But obviously all that was disappointing."

Ugra is more intimate about her experiences in covering the sport then. "Before every Olympics, the only story used to be hockey," she says. "There were 2-3 flickers of hope from time to time but inevitably, you had to write about hockey. And it was horrible. But the thing was hockey stood for something in an Olympic scenario. Everybody knew the Indian team. They had an aura about them because of the sense of history and culture. In Athens, crowds came to watch Indian hockey team. "(But) at some level, you thought the sport was cursed. There was the accident (Jugraj Singh), the bullet injury (Sandeep Singh)."

Nothing, though, screams Indian hockey like the way the team used Jugraj's accident as a sort of rallying cry to deliver the 2003 Asia Cup. Here's Rasquinha. "I was part of the team in all those incidents. At the Asia Cup, there was a sense of 'we have to do it for Jugraj'. We won the Asia Cup for the first time and then visited Jugraj." Enroute the title, they beat South Korea in the semifinal (they had reached the semifinal of the Olympics in 2000) and a still good Pakistan in the final.

If that was the high point on the field, Rasquinha's next few sentences is enough to paint a picture. "We were taking the evening flight to Monchengladbach for the World Cup in 2006. He (Sandeep) was coming in the Shatabdi to Delhi. You know... sport is like a metaphor for life. Like in life, in sport also there are so many ups and downs. You lose so many times and have so many setbacks. It's about how you keep going."

That 2006 World Cup was a sign of things to come but not before another false dawn. In the next Asia Cup at Chennai, India won it. In 2008, rock bottom was found as they failed to qualify for the Olympics. "That was the culmination of what I would say, poor federation, poor planning... there's always been talent in Indian hockey but you should back it by good organisation. There were a lot of mistakes made in the Indian hockey in the 90s and 00s," Rasquinha adds. A logical endpoint when it was 'being run randomly," Ugra adds.

> **A lot of state players came from places 4-5kms from the Mayor Radhakrishnan Stadium. So, Chennai's hockey community had, by chance or design, grew next to the Stadium. It was natural for them and their friends and family members to fill the stands**
>
> V Baskaran, former India captain

Here's a sign that the sport was run randomly. Few months after India's 2006 World Cup debacle, the IHF decided to ignore all governance issues to announce they were bidding to host the next World Cup in 2010. "We had the experience of hosting the World Cup in 1982 in Mumbai so it was normal for events to come to India," Ugra says. "But we didn't realise how shit our standards were. Because we felt we were relevant in hockey, that's why these events were coming to us but that was a completely stupid idea."

Within a year of winning that bid and the actual World Cup in 2010, Jothikumaran was sacked, the IHF was suspended, a new body to govern the sport was created, one autocrat replaced another, players decided to boycott training camp as their dues weren't paid but the performance remained the same. They finished eighth.

One thing changed. Chennai's place on the hockey map disappeared till it became a footnote.

(TOP) The renovated Mayor Radhakrishnan Stadium, Chennai in 2023; India's Prabhjot Singh in action during the 2007 Asia Cup in Chennai; Indian team acknowledging the fans after winning the 2007 Asia Cup; Malaysian team arrives in Chennai on Saturday for the 2023 Asian Champions Trophy | P RAVIKUMAR/EXPRESS/AFP

France's Wendie Renard, right, celebrates with teammates | AP

Le Sommer, Renard score as France edge Brazil 2-1

AGENCIES @Brisbane

VETERANS Eugénie Le Sommer and Wendie Renard revived France's Women's World Cup hopes with a goal each in a 2-1 win over Brazil on Saturday to give Les Bleues the lead in Group F. After missing with an angled header in the 13th minute, Le Sommer scored her 90th international goal to extend her national record four minutes later with an emphatic header that gave Brazilian goalkeeper Leticia little chance.

Results: France 2-1 Brazil, Jamaica 1-0 Panama, Sweden 5-0 Italy.

SAI seeks Asiad-bound Arunachal athletes' data

FIROZ MIRZA @Chennai

WITHDRAWAL of the wushu team from the World University Games in China after three Arunachal Pradesh athletes were issued stapled visas by the Chinese Embassy has made the government cautious and alert.

In its bid to avoid the recurrence of such an incident at the Asian Games, which is also scheduled in China, the Sports Authority of India (SAI) has asked national sports federations to furnish details of Arunachal and Ladakh athletes selected for the quadrennial event. Incidentally, three wushu players, who were issued stapled visas, are also part of the Indian team for the Asian Games.

"The SAI has asked all NSFs to provide details of athletes, if any, hailing from Arunachal Pradesh and Ladakh, are selected for the Asian Games," a source in the know of things told this daily. The source though said the athletes might not face the issue in the Asian Games but affirmed that the move was taken as a precautionary measure.

"Usually, the issue doesn't arise at the Olympics and the Asian Games as athletes get accreditation and this saves them from the trouble," added the source.

China has avoided issuing stamped visas to Indian athletes from Arunachal Pradesh for years due to territorial disputes. Given the border issue in Ladakh, the athletes from the Union Territory also face the issue. Apart from wushu, karatekas and skateboarder from Arunachal Pradesh have been picked for their respective teams for the Asian Games.

"The Indian Olympic Association is authorised to apprise the International Olympic Committee (IOC) of the issue. Once the NSFs submit details, the IOA is likely to take up the issue with its international counterpart to avoid last-minute hassles. It has been done in the past and can be done now if the need arises," said the source.

The minor fall and major lifts of Manush

KALYANI MANGALE @Pune

WHEN Manush Shah returned for the fourth season of Ultimate Table Tennis, he hoped to get drafted for the Puneri Paltan. Not just because of the team environment but for the massive boost of home support from the Pune crowd. That support and the team's new look have helped Puneri Paltan, who finished last in the previous season, to reach the semifinal in 2023.

"I wanted to be part of the Puneri Paltan because of the home support we would get," Shah told this daily. "I knew that the league was going to be held only in one place, in Pune. The best thing for us then was the fan base. And they have come to support us. I'm grateful that I got an opportunity to play for this team through UTT," he added.

An inspiring journey in table tennis that started with an injury in school has made Shah realise that he has come a long way. At the same time, he believes he still has more to achieve. "When I was 10 years old, I went through a severe injury. I fell from a height and I injured myself when I was in school. I used to love playing cricket, but my doctor told me that I could not play outdoor sports. I took up table tennis," Shah said. Shah also talks candidly about the moment he realised the magnitude of his achievements since that fall. "A few years back when I became the world number six in Under-18s, at that time I felt that I have come a long way. But I also realised that I have to go a long way too. I am grateful for everyone who has supported me."

Manush Shah in action | UTT MEDIA

The format of the UTT has helped Shah, who backs himself to thrive in the pressure situations. His confidence proved handy for the Puneri Paltan as he stunned world no. 17 Quadri Aruna of U Mumba to seal the semifinal spot. "That is the beauty of this league. I feel in the short three-game format, any player, irrespective of their world rank, has the chance to beat the acclaimed players. The next time when I play him (Aruna) in the international tournament, I will be more confident than I normally would be. I think that is a good sign for Indian table tennis," he said. Apart from Puneri Misal, which he called, 'a little bit too spicy for his taste', Shah is grateful for the journey during his sophomore season in UTT despite losing to Chennai in the semi-final.

After this, the paddler is ready to represent India in the Asian Games in China. "I am aware that we will have a couple of difficult games ahead of us in Hangzhou, but we are ready for it," Shah signed off.

The author is in Pune on invitation from UTT.

EXPRESS READ

Broad set to retire after Ashes

LONDON: As England cruised to 389/9 on Day three of fifth Test, pacer Stuart Broad has announced that he will retire after the Ashes series. **Brief scores:** England 283 & 389/9 in 80 ovs (Root 91; Starc 4/94) vs Australia 295 in 103.1 ovs.

India win 3-0 over England

BARCELONA: Striker Lalremsiami slammed a hat-trick to hand India women a comfortable 3-0 win over England in the ongoing 100th Anniversary Spanish Hockey Federation - International Tournament on Saturday.

India scrap their way to 181

BRIDGETOWN: India were all out for 181 after resting skipper Rohit Sharma and Virat Kohli in the second ODI against West Indies. **Brief scores (at time of print):** India 181 in 40.5 ovs (Ishan 55; Shepherd 3/37, Motie 3/36) vs WI.

The 'Shivling' that was found at *wuzu khana* of the Gyanvapi mosque complex in Varanasi after a survey. The Muslim side claimed it was a fountain. The Allahabad High Court on May 12 ordered its carbon dating to determine its age and nature

TWISTS & TURNS IN COMPLEX LEGAL BATTLE

NAMITA BAJPAI @ Lucknow

THE Gyanvapi Masjid that stands adjacent the Kashi Vishwanath Corridor in Varanasi is caught in a multi-pronged legal battle as Hindus claim the original Lingam of the erstwhile Vishweshwar temple was hidden by the priests inside the Gyanvapi well during Mughal Emperor Aurangzeb's raid in the late 1660s. Hindu petitioners want to reclaim it for worship at the sacred place where the mosque now stands. But Muslims have been offering regular *namaz* on the mosque premises and claim it to be a 1,000-year-old shrine.

The Gyanvapi Masjid was built on the banks of the Ganga by Aurangzeb in 1669. Several historians have claimed that it was constructed after demolishing the Adi Vishweshwara (Lord Shiva) temple and its debris were used for the construction of the mosque. It is said that the mosque was named after a nearby well and literally means the 'well of knowledge' (Gyanvapi).

As for the Kashi Vishwanath Temple, it was constructed adjacent the Gyanvapi Masjid by Ahilyabai Holkar, queen of the Maratha Malwa kingdom. The temple was built almost 100 years after the mosque came up. Ahilyabai is known for constructing several other temples and ghats in Varanasi as well. An earlier attempt to build the Kashi Vishwanath temple by her father-in-law, Malhar Rao Holkar, couldn't materialise. This temple has now become one of the most revered seats of Lord Shiva. It's part of the grand Kashi Vishwanath Corridor inaugurated by Prime Minister Narendra Modi in December 2021.

Genesis of the legal battle

Fourteen months before the Babri Masjid was razed by Kar Sevaks in Ayodhya and just a month after Parliament passed The Places of Worship (Special Provisions) Act, 1991, a petition was filed in a Varanasi civil court on behalf of the ancient idol — Swayambhu Jyotirlinga Bhagwan Vishweshwar (Lord Shiva) — and five others on October 15, 1991. The petition demanded the restoration of the Gyanvapi land to the adjacent Kashi Vishwanath temple. It also sought the removal of Muslims from the complex area and demolition of the mosque.

This litigation came at the peak of the Ram temple movement launched by the Sangh Parivar. At that point in time, the VHP, Bajrang Dal and other RSS affiliates had given a call to 'liberate' all Hindu temples that had been demolished to build mosques during the Mughal era. The Gyanvapi and the Krishna Janmabhoomi abutting the Shahi Idgah, were on their top three list.

Contention of petitioners in the 1991 title suit

The ancient temple of Lord Vishweshwara, the petitioners claimed, was partially demolished to build the Gyanvapi mosque. The Swayambhu Jyotirlinga, they contended, was beneath the disputed structure, i.e. the Gyanvapi mosque and the land belongs to the ancient temple. Since it's the abode of the deity, it cannot be a place of worship for any other religion, they argued. Besides, since Aurangzeb was not the owner of the land, he could not have created any waqf (permanent dedication of asset) in favour of the mosque as per Islamic tenets, the petitioners said.

The hearing started in the civil court from June, 1997. On July 17, 1997, the court dismissed the suit, saying it was not maintainable under the Places of Worship Act, which prohibits conversion of any place of worship and provides for the maintenance of the religious character of any place of worship as it existed on August 15, 1947. Both sides filed several revision petitions. On September 28, 1998, the district judge merged all the pleas and ordered the civil court to adjudicate the dispute afresh after considering all evidence. The Anjuman Intezamia Masajid (AIM), the committee that manages 22 mosques, including the Gyanvapi in Varanasi, challenged the maintainability of the suit in the Allahabad High Court.

AIM's contention

The AIM argued that the charge that Aurangzeb built the mosque after demolishing a temple was incorrect. It asserted that the Gyanvapi Masjid was built on waqf land, so any dispute related to it could not be adjudicated by a civil court. It also cited the Places of Worship Act to question the maintainability of the suit. The high court on October 13, 1998, stayed the Varanasi district court order and further proceedings in the case.

Dispute in abeyance

The stay continued for 22 years, during which it remained in abeyance, with the high court continuing to extend the stay. After the November 2019 judgment of the Supreme Court allowing the construction of the Ram temple in Ayodhya, prominent voices in the Sangh Parivar, including RSS chief Mohan Bhagwat, said Kashi and Mathura were no longer part of their agenda. In its Ayodhya order, the Supreme Court had made it clear that only the Ayodhya temple was exempt from the Places of Worship Act, 1991. Yet, the Kashi and Mathura disputes got reignited, this time not through the Sangh Parivar but by 'devotees' and their battery of lawyers.

Back to court battle

A month after the Supreme Court verdict on November 9, 2019, a fresh petition was filed in the Varanasi civil court by advocate Vijay Shankar Rastogi, who identified himself the "next friend" of Swayambhu Jyotirlinga Bhagwan Vishweshwar. He sought a survey by the Archaeological Survey of India (ASI), as was done at the Ram Janmabhoomi-Babri Masjid site to find out whether the mosque was built over an ancient Hindu temple. This was the first time that a scientific survey of the Gyanvapi premises was demanded.

A few months later, in February 2020, the plaintiffs of the original 1991 suit again approached the Varanasi civil court to reopen the case, which had been stayed by the high court in October, 1998. They cited a Supreme Court order of 2018, which said that a stay order has to be rectified every six months. Since this was not done in this case, the civil court agreed to reopen the case. The AIM challenged the decision in the high court, which first stayed it and then reserved its verdict on March 15, 2020.

Challenge to Places of Worship Act, 1991

In March 2021, the Places of Worship Act itself came under challenge at the Supreme Court. One of the petitioners, BJP leader and advocate Ashwini Upadhyay, contended that the 1991 Act legalised acts of invaders who demolished temples and other religious structures of Hindus, Jains, Buddhists and Sikhs, and took away their rights to restore their places of worship.

BJP leader Subramanian Swamy moved a separate plea terming the 1991 Act unconstitutional. "It's unconstitutional because it bars any person to approach the Supreme Court under Article 32 on enforcement of his/her fundamental right(s)," he argued. On March 12, 2021, a two-judge bench comprising the then Chief Justice of India S A Bobde, and Justice A S Bopanna, agreed to adjudicate on the matter and issued notices to the Union home and law ministers.

Amid this backdrop, Varanasi civil judge (senior division) Ashutosh Tiwari delivered his judgment on April 8, 2021 directing the Archaeological Survey of India (ASI) to conduct a scientific survey of the Gyanvapi complex. He ordered a five-member committee, comprising two Hindus, two Muslims and an archaeological expert, to oversee the survey. A court-appointed observer was to chair the panel.

"This court finds that a survey by the ASI alone can bring the truth of the matter before this court. Irrespective of what surfaces, the survey by ASI may go on to help not only to the plaintiffs, but also to the defendants, if their version is indeed true," he said.

The AIM again moved the high court against this verdict. Justice Prakash Padia stayed the order on September 9, 2021 and later clubbed the case with the original title suit of 1991, the judgment in which had been reserved in March 2020, by reopening it for further clarification from both the sides. On July 25, 2023, Justice Padia concluded his hearing in these two cases and fixed August 28, 2023 for delivery of the final verdict in the original title suit.

Current flurry of cases

In August 2021, five women plaintiffs approached civil judge (senior division) Ravi Kumar Diwakar with their plea to allow them to worship the idols of Goddess Shringar Gauri, Lord Ganesha, Lord Hanuman and other visible and invisible deities on the outer wall of the Gyanvapi mosque. Judge Diwakar ordered a court-mandated survey, including videography, of the Gyanvapi premises on April 8, 2022 to verify the petitioners' claim.

The AIM challenged this order in the high court, which dismissed it on April 21, 2022. The court-mandated survey started on May 6, 2022 amid protests by the Muslim side. The AIM objected to the appointment of Ajay Kumar Mishra as the court commissioner under whom the survey was taking place. The civil judge rejected the plea and the survey resumed on May 13, 2022. On the same day, the AIM approached the SC, pleading for an immediate stay on the survey. The SC didn't stop it but agreed to take up the case the following week.

On May 16, 2022, the survey team claimed to have found a purported 'Shivling' in the middle of the *wuzu khana* (ablution pond) of the Gyanvapi complex. The civil judge immediately ordered the sealing of the *wuzu* area while allowing *namaz* on the campus.

On May 17, 2022, an SC bench, comprising Justice D Y Chandrachud (now CJI) and Justice P S Narasimha, started hearing the case and on May 20, 2023 ordered status quo at Gyanvapi and full protection of the pond area. It transferred the case to the Varanasi district judge from the court of the Civil Judge (Senior Division). The SC asked the district judge to first decide the AIM suit challenging the maintainability of the petition filed by the five women plaintiffs, within six months.

On September 12, 2022, Varanasi district judge Dr Ajay Krishna Vishvesha found the plea of the five women plaintiffs maintainable.

Floodgate opens

After the discovery of the purported 'Shivling' in the ablution pond of the Gyanvapi Mosque, Varanasi courts were flooded with pleas, most of them of similar nature, filed by the Hindu side. Their demands included the right to worship the 'Shivling', ban on the entry of Muslims and scientific investigation of the 'Shivling' to ascertain its age and nature. Judge Vishvesha rejected the plea for a scientific probe on the grounds that it would violate the SC's order to keep the pond area sealed. The four women plaintiffs — one of the five dissociated herself — challenged the order in the high court, which allowed the scientific survey in its order on May 12. The SC, however, stayed this order a week later.

Meanwhile, the same four plaintiffs filed an application on May 16, 2023 before the district judge seeking ASI survey of the Gyanvapi complex, excluding the sealed *wuzu* pond area. Judge Vishvesha allowed this plea, on the grounds that it wouldn't violate the SC order. The AIM filed a contempt plea in the SC against this order, arguing how could the district court allow it when the top court had stayed an ASI survey at the mosque in May. The SC halted the survey for two days and asked the AIM to move the high court for relief. Allahabad High Court Chief Justice Pritinker Diwaker on July 27 reserved his verdict on the ASI survey till August 3 after hearing both sides.

STATUS OF CASES

At the HC: Final hearing on a bunch of pleas, including the original petition of 1991 and the 2019 plea for an ASI survey, over on July 25, 2023. Justice Prakash Padia fixes August 28, 2023 for judgment. Verdict by a separate bench on the ASI survey reserved till August 3

In Varanasi: As many as 18 pleas are pending before various courts. The district judge has clubbed eight of them and is hearing them together. 'Suit no. 18/2022 Rakhi Singh and others vs UP state and others' filed by five women plaintiffs is the leading case. Seven other cases are:

Civil Suit No. 712/2022 (new no. 01/2023) filed by Bhagwan Aadi Vishweshwar Viraajman through next friend Kiran Singh and others

Civil Suit No. 839/2021 (new no. 02/2023) filed by Lord Shri Aadi Visheshwar Jyotirlinga through next friend Mahant Shiv Prasad Pandey, Sube Singh Yadav, Santosh Kumar Singh

Civil Suit No. 840/2021 (new no. 03/2023) filed by Shri Nandiji Maharaj seated within the precincts of Shri Aadi Visheshwar Mahadev temple through next friend Sitendra Choudhary, Jaihind Choudhary, Akhilesh Kumar Dubey, Vinod Yadav and Ravi Shankar Dwivedi

Civil Suit No. 350/2021 (new no. 04/2023) filed by Goddess Maa Shringar Gauri through next friend and devotee Ranjana Agnihotri of Lucknow and Asthan Lord Adi Visheshwar through next Jitender Singh Vishen

Civil Suit No. 245/2022 (new no. 05/2023) filed by Satyam Tripathi, Ashish Kumar Shukla of Lucknow and Pawan Kumar Pathak of Varanasi

Civil Suit No. 358/2021 (new no. 06/2023) filed by Maa Ganga through next friend Suresh Chavhanke, Ahmednagar, Maharashtra, Umakant Gupta, Anand Sahu, Maneesh Nigam and Rupesh Mishra

FORMULATION OF THE PLACES OF WORSHIP ACT

THE Places of Worship Act was passed by the Narasimha Rao government on September 18, 1991, a year before the demolition of the Babri Masjid so as to tamp down communal tension. The legislation aims to prohibit conversion of any place of worship and to provide for the maintenance of the religious character of any place of worship as it existed on August 15, 1947.

Section 3 of the Act bars the conversion, in full or part, of a place of worship of any religious denomination into a place of worship of a different religious denomination or even a different segment of the same denomination.

The Section 4(1) of the Act, which is relevant in the context, declares that the religious character of a place of worship shall continue to be the same as it existed on August 15, 1947.

Section 4(2) says that any suit or legal proceeding with respect to the conversion of the religious character of any place of worship existing on August 15, 1947 pending before any court, shall abate and no fresh suit or legal proceedings shall be instituted.

Section 5 states that nothing contained in the Act shall apply to the Ayodhya structure and to any suit, appeal to other proceedings relating to it.

Section 6 says, whoever contravenes the provisions of section 3 shall be punishable with imprisonment for a term which may extend to three years and shall also be liable to pay a fine.

Exemptions

1. The disputed site at Ayodhya was exempted from the Act. Due to this exemption, the trial in the Ayodhya case proceeded even after the enforcement of this law
2. The Act also exempted any place of worship which is an ancient and historical monument or an archaeological site covered by the Ancient Monuments and Archaeological Sites and Remains Act, 1958
3. Any suit that has been finally settled or disposed of
4. Any dispute that has been settled by the parties or conversion of any place that took place by acquiescence before the Act commenced

STATUS OF KRISHNA JANMABHOOMI CONTROVERSY IN MATHURA

THE Allahabad High Court on May 26, 2023, transferred to itself all the suits related to Shri Krishna Janmabhoomi-Shahi Idgah mosque dispute pending in the Mathura lower court. High Court judge Justice Arvind Kumar Mishra allowed the transfer application moved by the Hindu side, including Bhagwan Shri Krishna Virajman at Katra Keshav Dev Khewat, Mathura, through lawyer Ranjana Agnihotri and seven others.

In fact, the petitioners had initially moved the court of the Civil Judge (Senior Division) of Mathura on September 25, 2020 seeking removal of the Shahi Idgah mosque abutting the temple complex and ownership of 13.37 acres, a part of which houses the mosque.

It is believed that the Shahi Idgah mosque, which stands adjacent the Krishna Janmasthal (birthplace of Lord Krishna then known as Katra Keshav Dev), was built on the orders of Aurangzeb after demolishing the temple in 1670. The spot where the mosque stands is believed to be the actual place where Lord Krishna was born. The area was regarded as *nazul* land (non-agricultural state land) owned by the Marathas, and then the British. Before the mosque was built, Raja Veer Singh Bundela of Orchha had built a temple on the same premises in 1618.

In 1815, Raja Patni Mal of Benaras bought the 13.37 acres in an auction from the East India Company. The Raja's descendants — Rai Kishan Das and Rai Anand Das — sold the land parcel to Jugal Kishore Birla for ₹13,400, and it was registered in the names of Pandit Madan Mohan Malaviya, Goswami Ganesh Dutt and Bhiken Lalji Aattrey. Subsequently, Birla set up the Shri Krishna Janmabhoomi Trust, which acquired ownership rights over the Katra Keshav Dev temple. In 1951, the 13.37 acres were placed in the Trust, with the condition that the "Trust property will never be sold or pledged".

In 1956, the Shri Krishna Janmasthan Sewa Sangh was set up to manage the affairs of the Katra Keshav Dev temple. In 1977, the word 'Sangh' in the registered society's name was replaced with 'Sansthan'.

In 1968, a "compromise agreement" was worked out between the Shri Krishna Janmasthan Sewa Sangh — the temple management authority, a registered society under law — and the Shahi Masjid Idgah, wherein, the temple authority conceded the contentious portion of land to the Idgah on which the mosque stands.

However, the petitioners rejected the compromise agreement claiming it was made fraudulently and was invalid in law. In any case, the deity was not part of the proceedings, and His rights cannot be denied by the agreement, they argued.